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CABLE GREETINGS TO AMERICANS SENT TO THE POST-DISPATCH.

They Come From Statesmen, Poets, Patriots and Leaders of Thought in the Old World.

Christmas is coming—the season when good will to men is the prevailing spirit in Christian countries. In view of recent events affecting the United States and Spain and incidentally other European countries, the Post-Dispatch has sought and obtained from the Premier of Spain and other leaders of European thought, expressions on the day. They are gratifying in the good feeling expressed by all. The greetings follow:

FROM SENOR SAGASTA.

There is nothing so convincing as a wish; and as I so warmly desire that the good relations existing between the United States and Spain, not only may never be altered, but may be daily drawn closer and strengthened, for the good of both countries. I am confident that the great Republic, respecting the rights of our Monarchy, will never permit anything that can damage its independence or impair its dignity.

Madrid, Nov. 27, 1897. PRAXEDES MATEO SAGASTA.

ZOLA'S GOOD WISHES.

I send my good wishes for the New Year to the French Colony in the United States, and I hope, above all, that our compatriots will make France loved by the people whose guests they are. EMIL ZOLA.

GREATEST HUNGARIAN POET AND NOVELIST.

Liberty, labor and genius. The power of North American United States. The hope of Hungary. JOKAI, MAURUS.

THE LEADING ACTOR IN AUSTRIA.

Translation: "Only what we believe ourselves can we make others believe." ADOLPH SONNENTHAL.

AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENTARY LEADER.

Contemptible is the nation which dares not all for its honor. DR. OTTO LETHER.

(The member of the Austrian Reichsrath who made the famous twelve-hour speech, beating the European record).

EMILIO CASTELAR'S GREETING.

Anglo-Saxons, I admire not your supremacy on the seas, which can pass away as ours did, but that which never passes away from you, the eternal liberty never interrupted by absolutism nor eclipsed in your lofty spirit. EMILIO CASTELAR.

FROM FRANCIS KOSSUTH.

My Christmas Greeting: From all Europe, where liberty is often a fiction, and human right is often an empty word, I send a greeting through you to the land of progress and future. FRANCIS KOSSUTH (Son of Patriot).

Buda-Pesth, Hungary, Nov. 25, 1897.

THE GREAT GERMAN NOVELIST.

Als die Kinder Kleiner waren,
Wels ich sie auf Gott so gern,
Nun sie aelter sind an Jahren
Wels, ich bang, auf sie den Herrn.

GEORGE EBERS.

SIGNOR CRISPI.

That immense sanctuary of the human race, the American Union, will not, I trust, be disposed to forget Europe is its mother. D. F. CRISPI.

Rome, Dec. 18.

WOLF IS A FIGHTER.

With the pen, with the tongue, with the fist, with the sword, as chance wills it, and with all my might, I fight to serve the people. KARL HERMANN WOLF.

(Wolf is the German Nationalist who began and directed the obstruction in the Austrian Reichsrath, was expelled and ejected by eight policemen, returned to the House the following day disguised with a false beard and his forcible removal was one of the most exciting scenes of a historic sitting. He is editor of the Deutsche Rundschau.)

NONE SO BEAUTIFUL.

Of all the utterances in which humanity has given shape to its hopes, none so beautiful as that which in these days so many Christian lips repeat with religious unanimity:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

December, 1897. S. MORET.

JUSTIN M'CARTHY'S WISH.

I greet my fellow countrymen in the United States with fervent hope that 1898, the centenary of a year consecrated in history, our native land may see restored unity of action among all Irish Nationalists in the deathless cause of national self-government for Ireland. JUSTIN M'CARTHY.

HER CHECKS WERE FORGED.

Mysterious Mrs. Miller Failed to Catch St. Louis Brokers.

SHE SPELLED CASHIER WRONG.

TWO DETECTIVES SHADOWED A MESSENGER, BUT DIDN'T CATCH HER.

THE FORGERIES WERE CLUMSY.

Wall Street Commission Co., T. E. Price & Co. and the Carleton Commission Co. Narrowly Escape Losses.

The misspelling of one word saved a St. Louis brokerage firm from being swindled yesterday.

A woman tried to pass a forged check, but just as preparations were being made to pay the money the defect in the paper was noted.

The police were put on the track of the fair swindler.

The cashier of the Bank of Niagara, on which the check was drawn, repudiates it. In a message to the Post-Dispatch last night he said the check was bogus and asked that the person presenting it be arrested.

Saturday morning a mulatto boy entered the office of the Wall Street Commission Co., formerly the St. Louis Commission Co., at 207 North Fourth street, and asked for John O'Neill, the manager.

He handed Mr. O'Neill this note, written in a feminine hand on fine white paper, with an elaborate initial M stamped on it.

St. Louis Commission Co.:

Dear Sir—Do you accept orders in stocks and grain from ladies? I have some interest money paid me to-day, and I thought I would buy some Chicago May corn. Do you deal in quantities, say 2,000 or 3,000 bushels, with 2 cents per bushel as margin. If you do I will be pleased to send you an order. A gentleman last evening recommended your firm as the one to send the order to.

I have been dealing for some time, but now I would like to change brokers for a while. Please answer by the bearer. Very truly yours, MRS. MARY A. MILLER.

Mr. O'Neill indited a note to Mrs. Miller saying he would be glad to execute her order.

In half an hour the same mulatto messenger returned with this letter:

Mr. J. O'Neill, Mgr. St. Louis Commission Co.:

Dear Sir—Your answer to my note this morning duly received. Please buy 3,000 bushels Chicago May corn. I will deposit $60 as a margin. Should the price decline to exhaust this amount, I will consider the deal closed unless I conclude to send more margin. The inclosed check I received this morning, being interest money due on a mortgage I hold.

The first of the month I will have more interest money due and I will be pleased to send you further orders. Please send by bearer memorandum of purchase and $12.50.

Inclosed in the same envelope was a check for $72.50, payable to the order of Mary A. Miller, and signed by Robert L. Arnold & Co. The check was apparently certified by Cashier George J. Howard of the Bank of Niagara.

Mr. O'Neill was about to pay the $12.50 due Mrs. Miller in change, when he examined the check a second time and found that the word cashier in the certification

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GIVES UP $6,000 A YEAR.

REV. DR. JAMES M. FARRAR IN FUTURE WILL PREACH WITHOUT PRICE.

LEAVES A RICH CHURCH.

Quits an Admiring Congregation in Brooklyn and Goes to a Poor Community in Pennsylvania.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—"I desire to give the remainder of my life to building up souls without money and without price." The speaker was the Rev. James M. Farrar, pastor of the First Dutch Reformed Church in Brooklyn, receiving $6,000 a year salary, beloved by his people, and assured of that salary as long as he cares to fill the pulpit of the richest church in the United States.

He chooses to surrender the salary, leave his comfortable parsonage and admiring congregation and go to a poor community in Pennsylvania, where he will support himself on a private income of $500 and give his services free.

Dr. Farrar gave this decision on Friday night:

"I have spent many years of my life," said he, "building up a church, which has grown strong and useful. I now desire to give the remainder of my life to building up souls without money and without price."

CASE OF SIXTEEN TO ONE.

That Is Sixteen Heirs to One Estate of a Million Pounds.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 18.—By the death of an aunt at Liverpool, England, Thomas Ellison of Smithton, Pettis County, is one of sixteen heirs to an estate valued at 1,000,000 pounds.

MRS. LEASE FOR CONGRESS.

She Expects to Get the Populist Nomination in a Kansas District.

GREAT BEND, Kan., Dec. 18.—In a letter to friends here Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lease states that her lecture engagements are not proving as profitable as she expected, and that she expects to return to Kansas City and begin an active canvass for the Populist nomination for Congress in the Seventh District. The fight against Jerry Simpson, she says, will prevent his renomination, and its her hope to eventually secure a majority of the votes in the convention. Mrs. Lease expects to be opposed by the Democrats, but she says, if named, she will hold meetings in every precinct in the district and "give the people of the Seventh District a repetition of the campaign of 1890 when we first elected Jerry."

VOLTAIRE AND ROSSEAU.

The Bones Exhumed to Settle a Long Standing Controversy.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The bodies of Voltaire and Rosseau were exhumed to-day at the Pantheon, in order to settle a long-standing controversy as to their authenticity. The remains of Voltaire were well preserved and markedly resemble Houdon's statue. Of the body of Rosseau only the skeleton remained.

Voltaire's skull was found to be cloven in two down the center.

There was no trace of a shot wound in the skull of Rosseau, and this disproves the general belief that the author committed suicide by shooting.

THE POLICE WERE ON HAND.

Saw a Hold-Up and Captured the Robbers.

ONE WAS SHOT IN THE LEG.

WILL JONES TRIED TO USE A KNIFE AND GOT AWAY TWICE.

POLICEMAN WHO CAN SHOOT.

Patrolman O'Brien Winged a Fleeing Highwayman, Who, With John Stevenson, Held Up George High on Fifteenth Street.

A negro man who calls himself Will Jones was landed in the Fourth District Station-house with a bullet in his leg last night, after giving a policeman almost as much trouble as "Skippy" Rohan ever caused a bluecoat.

Jones and his partner, John Stevenson, were arrested while holding up George High, a butcher living at 2929 Chouteau avenue.

High had been visiting his brother-in-law, H. H. Damme, a saloon-keeper at Fourteenth street and Franklin avenue. He left the saloon at 8 o'clock, walked west to Thirteenth street, then turned south to go to Washington avenue to catch a street car home. As High passed Morgan street he observed two negro men following him, and fearing an encounter he walked more briskly. At Lucas avenue the blacks overtook him.

The man who proved to be Will Jones jumped on High from behind and wound his arms around High's throat like an experienced garroter. Stevenson lost no time in searching the victim's pockets, and both were so absorbed in their job they did not hear the approaching footsteps of two officers.

Policeman Martin O'Brien and John McGrath chanced to be standing on the opposite side of the street, dressed in plain clothes. They witnessed the negroes' chase of High from the corner of Morgan street and expected the holdup to come off just where the negroes attempted it.

The black highwaymen were too surprised to resist when the policemen pulled them away from High, and to all appearances set off with the officers meekly enough to the patrol box, where the telephone message was to be sent for the wagon.

Just before they arrived at the patrol box at Lucas avenue and Sixteenth street Jones pulled a knife from his pocket and attempted to stab Policeman O'Brien, who had him in charge. O'Brien and the negro clinched and both fell to the icy sidewalk. The policeman luckily landed on top of his prisoner and after rapping him a couple of stinging clips with the butt end of his revolver, he managed to wrest the knife away.

When the patrol box was reached O'Brien pushed his prisoner inside and then released him in order to use the telephone. Quicker than it takes to tell it, Jones shoved the officer violently against the wall of the pa-

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EDISON PHOTOGRAPHS A THOUGHT BY MEANS OF ROENTGEN RAYS.

"The subject fixed his mind on a silver quarter; the rays were applied to the base of the head, where a spot had been shaved."

AS A RESULT OF THE EXPERIMENT THE MAN WAS HYPNOTIZED.

"I developed the plate and a distinct round object stood out upon it. To me it was a satisfactory photograph of the quarter of a dollar."

The Process May Prove to Be Valuable in the Discovering of Criminals.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Thomas A. Edison, Jr., has photographed a thought. At least he feels so confident that he has done so that he is going on with his experiments.

By means of the Roentgen rays applied to the back of a man's head he photographed round objects, which Mr. Edison believed to be the quarter of a dollar upon which the subject had, according to directions, concentrated his thoughts. This image was secured on an extremely sensitive plate, the making of which is Mr. Edison's secret.

Mr. Edison is not very sanguine that he will be able to photograph a complex thought—as a landscape, for instance. The most that he now wishes to hope for is that he may be able to photograph a single object on which the subject will concentrate his mind—as in his first experiment—so as to demand some exercise of faith and imagination. Yet it is convincing to him, and also to several others who witnessed the experiment.

Mr. Edison declined to tell where his experiment was conducted. He is equally reticent as to who were with him at the time the quarter of a dollar thought was photographed.

"I shaved the subject's head," he said, "preparatory to the experiment. Then metallic discs were applied to each side of his head, just above the ears. Another similar disc was applied to the top of his head. Finally a sort of mask covered all his head and face, leaving holes for the eyes and for breathing. The experiment took place in a room that was absolutely dark. With the subject seated in front of a brass tube with his eyes about three inches from a minute opening in the end of the tube, the Roentgen rays were applied to the base of his head.

"The construction of the interior of the tubes through which he looked is partially a secret. I may say, however, that there were several prisms in it. These were to collect all the light rays which came from his eyes. But the prisms did not cross the interior of the tube, but left a small opening in a direct line from his eyes to the other end of the tube. This was for the direct passage of the Roentgen rays. At the farther end of the tube was attached the plate.

"Before the photograph was made I attached a new quarter of a dollar to a piece of white paper and told the subject to fix all the power of his mind upon it. I told him to go over in detail every outline made by the mint stamp, to fix in his mind the formation of every letter, every line of engraving. He devoted fully ten minutes to this. Then as quickly as possible I placed him before the tube in the dark room and led him to again have his mind on the quarter to recall every mark he had noticed. Then I applied the Roentgen rays and exposed the sensitive plate at the end of the tube into which he was looking for about a minute—as long as the subject could stand it. In fact, he stood it apparently as long as he had control of himself.

He suddenly sprang up and started away. I tore the discs from his head and he wandered aimlessly about the room.

"To my amazement I found that the man was completely hypnotized. He had no will of his own. He was completely subject to me. He would do whatever I told him. I dashed cold water on him and he finally recovered himself, though for a time he was dazed. He could not get his mind on anything but that quarter of a dollar. I met him several days after on the street. He was as well as ever, but said the image of the coin was constantly dancing before his eyes.

"Well, I developed the plate and a distinct round object stood out upon it. To me it was a satisfactory photograph of the quarter of a dollar. At all events I am satisfied with the experiment.

"I am more convinced than ever of the correctness of the theory on which I started. That theory was that if the mind were concentrated on an opaque object a photograph of that object might be thrown upon a photographic plate with power enough to be caught and held by it if the plate were sufficiently sensitive. I do not know that the Roentgen rays are essential. I am inclined to think they are not, that the light rays from the eyes alone are all that is necessary. I am going to make my next experiment without the X-rays. As to what practical use may be made of the process that remains to be seen. I can believe that it may be the means possibly of discovering criminals. If a person distinctly sees the face of another person who commits a crime, that face may be photographed just as the quarter of a dollar was photographed by subjecting the person who saw it to the same process that the man who saw the quarter of a dollar was subjected."

IN A FULL DRESS SUIT.

MURDERER JAS. MINGLE WANTS TO BE HANGED.

THAT IS HIS SOLE AMBITION.

He Has Asked the Sheriff to Arrange Matters So That He Can Die Like a Swell.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 18.—The oddest request probably ever made by a man who is to be hung has come from James Mingle, who will, in all likelihood, expiate within a month or six weeks, the brutal murder of the child, Dollie Briscoe. It has not been demonstrated since Mingle was arrested and tried until yesterday that he was a man given over to the small vanities of the world, and even now his longing to be hung in full evening dress may be the result of a desire to become notorious. Mingle has a chance for his life, but it is a very narrow one—so narrow, in fact, that he does not place any great degree of hope in it. A motion for a new trial for him will be argued here probably next week, and this is his last hope, for he is without means, and it is not likely that the case will ever go to the higher courts.

Mingle has since his confinement in the county jail been attired in garments which came from the top shelf of some second-handed concern. He has talked with his jailers recently with less reticence than before a jury fixed his punishment at death by hanging. He called for one of the deputies yesterday and in the course of a chat in which he exhibited his usual stolidity of demeanor, he calmly asked that if a new trial was denied him, and that the hanging could not be avoided, that he be sent to the gallows in a full evening dress suit such as is worn by one of the smart set. It is difficult to conjecture what prompted this whim. He insisted that he wanted to be attired in all those trappings which are supposed to enter into the makeup of a man of fashion, even to patent leathers, white tie, high collar and swallow tails. The deputy was dumbfounded and he told Mingle that it would be well for him to burden his mind with other matters of more moment to him. The murderer insisted that his request was genuine and that it was his ambition should he be hung to go to the scaffold in this manner. He will hardly realize his crowning desire, however, as the Sheriff knows of no fund from which to draw to purchase habiliments of this expensive character for even a murderer who is to have his neck encircled with a death-dealing rope.

The indifference which has characterized Mingle from the moment he was first incarcerated has not left him for an instant. He expresses the utmost contempt for his fate. He has steadfastly insisted that he is innocent of driving a hatchet through the skull of Dollie Briscoe and tomahawking her mother almost to death. He is pessimistic and thinks that everybody has turned against him. He is allowed the corridor of the jail for a few minutes daily for exercise and spends his time walking up and down the stone flagging, jesting with other prisoners. The Briscoe woman whom he so nearly killed seems to have become somewhat lenient toward Mingle since he was found guilty. She has sent several little things to him and every day or two she appears at the jail with a basket of food. This Mingle accepts very graciously, as he is compelled to eat the same fare as is served to the other prisoners. He does not evince any very good humor at this state of affairs, and has asked the Sheriff for a different bill of fare for "a fellow in my fix."

THE WEATHER FORECAST.

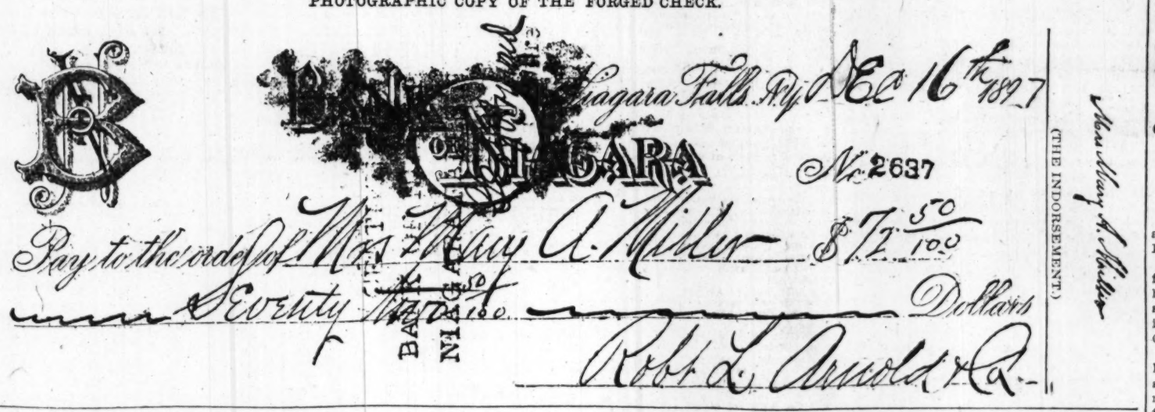
SNOW—RISING TEMPERATURE.

Missouri—Threatening weather with light snow in southern portion; slowly rising temperature; easterly winds.

Illinois—Partly cloudy weather with snow flurries in southern portion; north to northeast winds.

Arkansas—Light snow; northeasterly winds.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COPY OF THE FORGED CHECK.



THEY DIED TOGETHER.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 18.—When the Hotel Dakotah was burned two lives were lost. A. C. Howe, a paralytic, occupied a room in the Nash block, and it was impossible to reach him. His devoted wife refused to leave him and they met their fiery death together.

THE TRAMPS CARED NOT.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 18.—A log house, built and occupied in 1813 by Gen. William Henry Harrison as military headquarters, was burned by tramps early this morning. The city was preserving it for its historical value.

GEN. CLAY MOURNS DORA.

VALLEY VIEW, Ky., Dec. 18.—Gen. Cassius M. Clay's young wife, Dora, did not return to him yesterday as she had promised to do, and is still at the home of her brother, Cleli Richardson. Young Mrs. Clay declined to-day to say when she would return to White Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Read "The Mystery of the Four Courts,"

A story of India, England, Missouri and Australia beginning in The Post-Dispatch, Monday, December 20th.

It is a thrilling tale showing how the veil of mystery about a St. Louis Crime was lifted.

With many of the incidents you are already familiar.

Fact and fiction blended in an absorbingly interesting story.

HERO'S DAY IN JAIL.

CHARLES BALL, WHO STOLE COAL FOR A FREEZING FAMILY, IS FREE.

About the time that pious St. Louisans are churchward bound this morning Charles Ball will be turned out of the city jail.

Thinly clad, without an overcoat and his feet pressing against the snow through the holes in his shoes, Ball will hasten to his squalid excuse for a home, which is one inside room in a dreary brick tenement, 706 Gratiot st.

There he will meet his sick wife and two hungry little ones, whom he has not seen since he was thrust into jail last Tuesday night because he stole 20 cents worth of coal from a rich corporation to keep his suffering family from freezing. He will also go to the City Hospital to see his 18-year-old daughter who was taken there in a critical condition on the day of his incarceration.

Attorney James M. Rollins appeared for the prisoner without charge for his services. He explained to the court the nature of the offense charged against Ball and the circumstances that led him to it. A plea of guilty was entered and one day in jail was the punishment—the lightest the statutes provide.

Even the costs were thrown off, so that Ball's sentence will be completed this morning.

Maj. Miles of the Salvation Army read the story of Ball in the Post-Dispatch at the time of his arrest. Thursday the Major sent one of his officers to investigate the condition of the family. The officer found a sick mother, a sick boy of 8 and a little girl of 10. There was not a spark of fire in the room. The children were crying from the pangs of hunger. The emaciated mother had almost exhausted herself trying to console the starving little ones.

The Salvation Army officer, acting under orders from Maj. Miles, ended the suspense by the information that the missing husband and father was in jail. Ball had not told his family that he intended to steal the coal. He simply assured them that he would get it, and that he would return in a few minutes.

The Salvation Army has rendered such assistance as was within its power, and Maj. Miles has announced that further attention will be given. Ball is a laborer and works whenever he has opportunity. He came to St. Louis a year ago from Illinois. He has been unable to find steady employment.

SPORTY YOUNG GIRL.

SHE WATCHED A DOG FIGHT IN SENATOR CULLOM'S STABLE AT WASHINGTON.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—A pretty and stylish young woman, scarcely 20 years old, failed to appear in the police court to-day and defend herself against the charge of dog fighting. Her name appeared on the blotter at a police station this morning as "Alice Berry," but she is said to be a society girl and the name given is fictitious. Ten dollars deposited as collateral for her appearance was declared forfeited.

"Alice Berry" was arrested last night while watching a fight between two bulldogs in the stables where the horses of Senator Shelby M. Cullom are quartered. Some of her companions escaped when the place was raided by the police, but two young men in evening dress and two negroes in rags were secured and the whole party taken to the station.

"Miss Berry" occupied a seat in a high carriage and did not try to evade the officers.

One of the spectators who escaped drove to the station, deposited $10 for "Miss Berry's" appearance in the Police Court, and took her away.

"Miss Berry's" friends assembled in the stables shortly after 10 o'clock. Senator Cullom and his coachman were absent driving and knew nothing of the sport on hand. The principals arrived with their dogs muzzled. The doors had been locked and the fighting space marked off. Two or three lanterns furnished sufficient light, but there was a hitch in the proceedings. "She isn't here yet," whispered one of the men. "We will have to wait." At that moment there was a light tap at one of the doors. It was opened and immediately there followed a swishing of skirts. A beautiful young girl stepped lightly across the threshold. Her escort, all muffled in a great coat, assisted her into a carriage at one side of the stable.

Fiercely fought the animals and greatly did the young woman enjoy the scene. Bang went a heavy blow against the door leading into the alley. The dogs fought on. Another blow like that of a battering ram fell upon the door, which, yielding, precipitated two blue coats into the dog ring.

The white men arrested gave their names as John H. Almas and Jack Trumble, and said they were real estate agents.

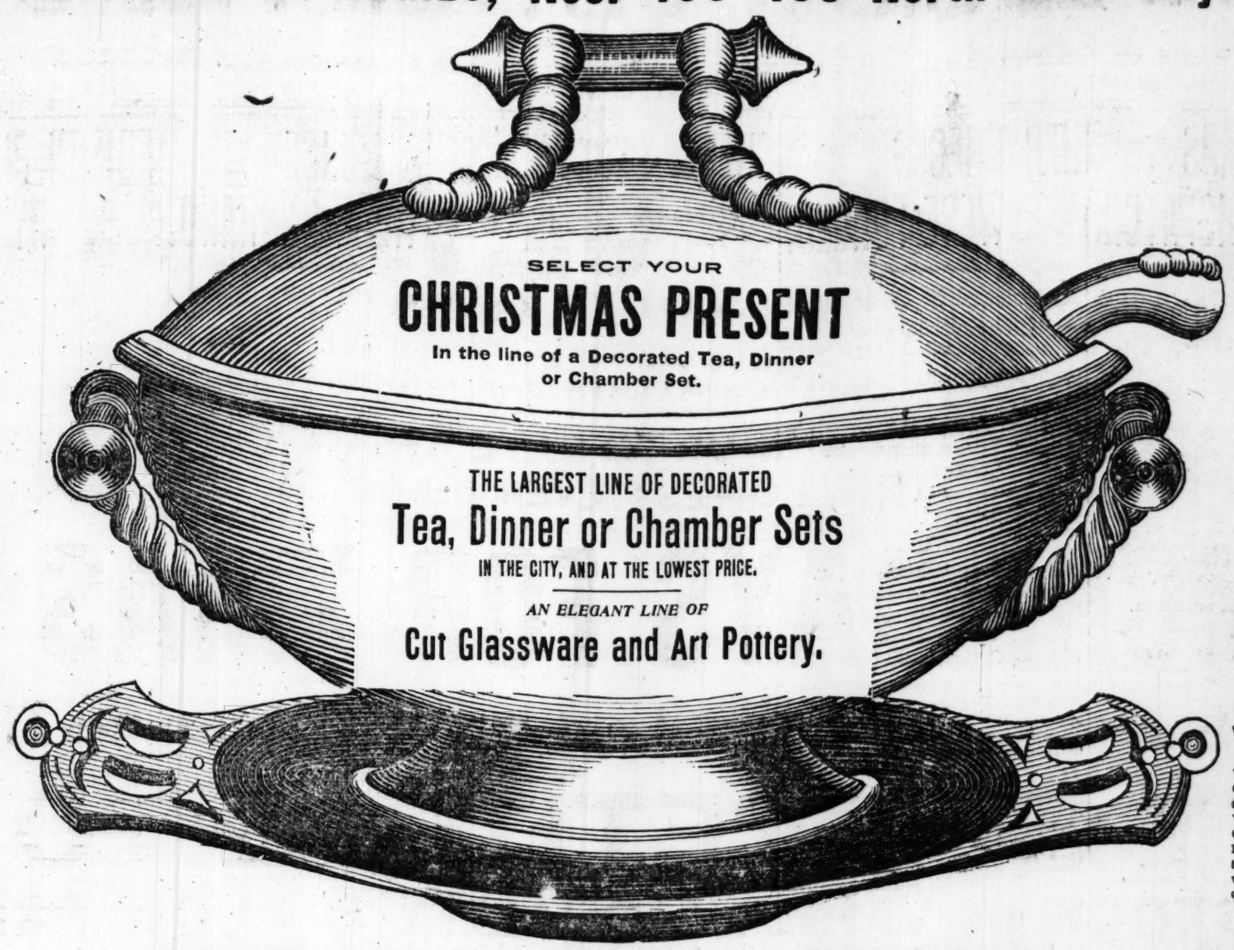
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PER SET.

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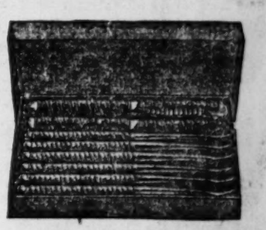
AN ELEGANT LINE OF
Cut Glassware and Art Pottery.



Handsome Decorated Chamber Sets, Maddock English Imported Ware, hand-painted in natural colors, such as Violets, Roses, Chrysanthemums, Lilies, Daisies, etc., with heavy gold-stippled border, 5 pieces, complete, with Slop Jar, worth $10.50. ..... **$7.50 PER SET**



A Condiment Set of Fine Imitation Cut Glass, consisting of Salt Cellar, Pepper Shaker with plated top, a Silver-Plated Salt Spoon, all complete on tray, for the extraordinary low price of..... **10c**



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STILL FIGHTING JUDGE M'KENNA.

The Pacific Coast Protests Against Confirmation.

TOO LIGHT FOR THE PLACE.

UNANIMOUS OPINION OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

JUDGE BELLINGER'S LETTER.

Chief Justice Fuller Informed by a Federal District Judge of the Estimate Placed on McKenna in the West

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—Members of the Portland bar, who signed the protest against the nomination of Attorney-General McKenna for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, trust that the Senate will defeat the confirmation.

C. E. S. Wood, who had much to do with circulating the petition in this city, said to-day: "It ought to be sufficient that Judge McKenna's support is political, the opposition to him purely professional."

It is known that United States District Judge C. B. Bellinger wrote a letter to Chief Justice Fuller two weeks ago informing him of the opinion of Judge McKenna held by lawyers on the coast, but Judge Bellinger positively declines to give it out.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—There is no falling off in the fight against the confirmation of the nomination of Joseph McKenna for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Many prominent attorneys with whom the Post-Dispatch correspondent has talked refused to give interviews, but admitted privately that the present nominee is too light a man for the position. Even the Post-Intelligencer, the leading Republican paper in the State of Washington, does not pretend to defend the nomination.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—No effort was made during the executive session of the Senate to-day to bring up the nomination for Supreme Court Justice of Attorney-General McKenna. The Committee on Judiciary to which the nomination was referred has not taken up the case and the protests received from Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Ore., and other places have not been called to the attention of the committee. A canvass of the Senate made by friends of Judge McKenna fails to reveal the intention of any Senator on either side to oppose his confirmation.

HER CHECKS WERE FORGED.

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stamped in red ink was spelt "cashire." This aroused his suspicions.

"Just wait here a few minutes," he said to the messenger. He went through a side door to a telephone in a neighboring office and called up the Four Courts asking for two good detectives. Chief Desmond dispatched Detectives Frese and O'Connell to the broker's office. O'Neill met them at Fourth and Pine streets. The three decided that the only way to locate Mrs. Miller would be to follow the messenger.

O'Neill went back to his office. Without making any reference to the check he told the messenger to return later. The boy apparently knew nothing of the check, as he left without a question. He walked south to Chestnut street with the detectives close on his track. He entered the Laclede Hotel lobby and looked about as if expecting to meet some one. From the Laclede Hotel he walked north on Sixth street. The detectives followed a block behind.

While the check is properly drawn, and, but for the misspelling of the word cashier would pass close inspection, Mr. O'Neill received information Saturday afternoon which makes him think he was right in refusing to cash it.

While he was telling some friends of his experience he was told that a similar check had been presented to T. E. Price & Co., who have offices in the same building, and to the Carleton Commission Company in the Gay Building.

Bert Price of T. E. Price & Company said:

"We received a note from Mrs. Miller Friday morning. A white boy brought it. He was not a uniformed messenger. Just as Mr. O'Neill did we wrote her saying we would make the deal. She sent the boy back with a check drawn on the Bank of Niagara. Our suspicion was first aroused when we noticed that the figures on the check called for $72.50 and the writing in the line below for $71.50. I sent the boy back with the check."

The Carleton Commission Co. received a note from Mrs. Miller Friday morning asking if they would make a deal for her. Manager Joseph Mullally was not in the office and the boy was told to call later. He did not return. The Post-Dispatch wired Cashier George W. Howard of the Bank of Niagara asking whether he had certified to the check presented to Broker O'Neill. This answer was received:

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1897.
No. Party fraud. Arrest him if possible.
BANK OF NIAGARA.

No Mrs. Mary A. Miller is at the Laclede Hotel.

Detectives O'Connell and Frese returned to the Four Courts last night. They had accomplished nothing and the mystery of the identity of Mrs. Miller was still unsolved.

They reported to their chief that they had nothing to report. They said they followed the mulatto messenger from the Wall Street Commission Co.'s office to the Laclede Hotel. He stopped there, so they buttoned-holed him and asked him if he wouldn't please tell them who Mrs. Miller was.

He told them he didn't know Mrs. Miller. A man had given him a message to deliver. He couldn't see the man in the hotel lobby and didn't know his name.

Of course the detectives believed him. He was such an honest looking mulatto. Besides, a boy wouldn't tell a lie when by telling the truth he might incriminate himself. He would be especially careful to tell the truth to policemen.

The detectives felt pained at having detained the boy. They were considerate enough to not ask him his name. With a kindly "Run along, sonny," they turned him loose. He might have gone straight to the mysterious Mrs. Miller to tell her the police were after her for all they knew.

So it was they came to report they had found out nothing, not even the name of the messenger employed by the woman who tries to pass bogus checks.

Mr. O'Neill's laudable attempt to protect himself and other business men from a well-laid plot to swindle was without result. If Mrs. Miller will kindly call at the Four Courts she may be arrested. Meanwhile Mr. O'Neill and others will be at her mercy, and the officials of the Bank of Niagara, who want the woman arrested, will have to await the pleasure of the police.

According to the statement given out by Chief Desmond last night Mrs. Miller's attempt to swindle Joseph Mullally was successful. He says Mullally sent her $12.50 change on one of the $72.50 checks.

MRS. LUETGERT'S BROTHER.

The Testimony Given at the First Trial Is Repeated.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Dietrich Bicknese, brother of the missing Mrs. Luetgert, was placed on the witness stand to-day in the trial of Adolph L. Luetgert for his wife's murder. The testimony did not differ materially from that given by Bicknese in the former trial. He told of asking Luetgert on May 4 about the disappearance of his wife. Luetgert said she had not gone away with any man, as she did not care for men. Witness said he had visited Elgin in search of his sister, but found no trace of her. On his return he asked Luetgert again about Mrs. Luetgert's disappearance. Luetgert replied that he did not know where she had gone; that he was very busy, people could not understand how much was on his mind. He added that if he spoke the truth people would not believe him.

"If you don't report this matter to the police I will. I want it cleared up," said Bicknese to him. Luetgert intimated Bicknese might do as he pleased, and that day the disappearance of the woman reported to Capt. Schuettler.

Louis Haaf, the draughtsman who drew the plans of the factory for use in court; Paul D. House, a newspaper reporter who took pictures of the plant; Silas E. Melander, a photographer, who also made pictures of the factory, and Capt. Schuettler were the other State witnesses.

Thirty Days for Assault.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 18.—After being out over twenty hours the jury trying Fred Savore for a criminal assault on 14-year-old Florence Hammond, gave him thirty days in jail.

WORK FOR 15,000 MEN.

The Window Glass Factories Will Resume Operations.

EVERY PLANT NOTIFIED.

THE WAGE QUESTION, SO LONG IN DISPUTE, HAS AT LAST BEEN SETTLED.

ARRANGED AT PITTSBURG.

The Manufacturers Made a Concession to the Flatteners and Cutters and It Was Finally Accepted.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—Window glass factories throughout the United States will be able to resume work just as soon as they can get the furnaces hot enough to begin work. This will be in about three weeks and means work for about 15,000 men. To-night telegrams were sent to the managers of every window glass plant in the country to start fires at once as a settlement of the wage question, which has been so long in dispute, had been reached. Th workers will resume at an advance which is not as large as was expected and for which such a strong contention was made. One week ago a settlement was reached by the blowers and gatherers. The cutters and flatteners, who have seceded from the Window Glass Workers' Association, were not satisfied with the rate offered and held out until late this afternoon.

One week ago a fruitless conference was held by the Wage Committee of the manufacturers and cutters and flatteners when the manufacturers offered an advance of 12 per cent over the wages of last year. The parties interested met again to-day with all sections of the industry represented. Late in the afternoon the manufacturers made a concession. They proposed to give the cutters an advance of 13 per cent and the flatteners 15 per cent. Heretofore the flatteners have in addition been paid 25 per cent of the gross earnings of the blowers. This feature was the hardest pill for the flatteners to swallow, but they finally concluded to accept the offer, thus ending a protracted and expensive lockout.

MUST DO PIECE WORK.

Ultimatum of the Plate Glass Company at Elwood, Ind.

ELWOOD, Ind., Dec. 18.—The plate glass company has issued its ultimatum to the employes in its Elwood and Kokomo factories who have refused to work under the piece system. The company states that its seven other factories are operating under that system. The company says that the men here and at Kokomo must go to work under the piece system or the fires will be banked. With their other seven plants running it is said that they can make what glass they require. The men are still undecided.

THE POLICE WERE ON HAND.

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trol box and dashed east on Lucas avenue at top speed.

O'Brien peeled off his overcoat, threw it on the floor of the patrol box and sailed out in pursuit. It was dangerous running over the ice and snow which covered the frozen street, but both highwayman and policeman leaped over ground like greyhounds.

The black man seemed to be gaining. He paid no attention to O'Brien's calls to halt. It was a case of shoot or loose a dangerous man, so O'Brien took aim, after the chase had lengthened to one or two blocks. The policeman fired once and the fugitive rolled into the middle of the street. He pluckily tried to rise, but the officer was soon upon him and made him prisoner.

The one shot fired called forth a large crowd, which pressed around the policeman and his captive and made it difficult for O'Brien to remove his man. Jones had been shot in the right leg, but after the first shock was able to walk, although bleeding freely.

O'Brien commanded the crowd to fall back but little good it did, and at Fifteenth street on the way back to the patrol box, that which O'Brien feared happened. Jones suddenly jerked away from O'Brien's grasp, and butting through the crowd ran south on Fifteenth street with surprising speed for a man with a bullet in his leg, leaving a red trail behind him.

The crowd scattered in all directions and O'Brien was afraid to shoot at Jones again lest some of the bystanders should receive a stray dose of lead. Jones continued to run as far as Washington avenue, where he fell into a doorway, too weak from loss of blood to go further. O'Brien soon had him a prisoner for the third time, and taking no chances kept his man at the corner until relieved by another officer.

By this time the patrol wagon had arrived and picked up Policeman McGrath and his prisoner, Stevenson, and went to Washington avenue for O'Brien and Jones. The prisoners were taken to the Fourth District Station, where they were booked and identified by High as his assailants.

Jones was then sent to the City Dispensary, where Dr. Bruere dressed his wound. He said the man was in no danger and that the wound would soon heal.

Frank Daly of 1501 Washington avenue called at the station-house after the arrest and identified Stevenson as the highwayman who held up and robbed him a week ago near Sixteenth street and Washington avenue.

Stevenson has been arrested twice before on charges of highway robbery.

The change amounting to $1.90, which the men secured from High was found on Stevenson and returned to its owner.

INTERCHANGEABLE MILEAGE.

Some Roads Object to the Present Form of Ticket.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Unless a meeting of the Central Passenger Committee lines is called in the near future to settle the fight over the interchangeable mileage ticket matter it is altogether likely that there will be more than one kind of interchangeable mileage ticket in use in the territory of the committee. It is announced flatly by the Michigan Central and the Lake Shore that they will not do business with the present form of ticket, and unless it is made good for transportation when presented on trains they will get up a ticket of their own. At any rate they are going to accept the tickets when offered by passengers on their trains. It is likely that a meeting of the committee will be called in the near future to consider the situation and make some change in the present manner of handling the interchangeable mileage. The Vanderbilt lines have about one-third of the roads in the committee with them in their fight against the present ticket.

REPROBATE REV. ROOKS.

He Is Arrested for Leaving His Wife and Children.

PUEBLO, Colo., Dec. 18.—Rev. T. S. Rooks, late of Steelburg, Neb., where he was pastor of a Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mary Johnson were arrested here to-day. It is alleged that they eloped from Steelburg, where Mr. Rooks left his wife and three children. The man will be prosecuted here on a criminal charge, and the girl will be sent back to her home. Mr. Rooks is 45 years old and Miss Johnson 15.

AS TO XMAS GIFTS.

The Cosy Jewelers Are Prepared to Please All Pocketbooks.

In buying jewelry it is always advisable to buy where implicit confidence can be placed on the representations made by the dealer. This is a feature of the business of Zerweck Bros., the well-known Jewelers of 407 North Sixth street, Equitable Building. They pride themselves on giving absolute satisfaction without the slightest tinge of misrepresentation, and giving the best value for the smallest amount of money consistent with high value. They are offering a choice and well-selected line of jewelry of all grades and are prepared to please all possible tastes in Xmas presents. A visit to their establishment is certain to save money for buyers of diamonds, watches, silverware, clocks, gold and silverware.

Wynne for Governor of Texas.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 18.—The Tarrant County Democratic Executive Committee met to-day and passed resolutions indorsing Col. Richard Moore Wynne of this city for Governor. Chairman Bolin was authorized to issue an address to the voters of the State in behalf of Wynne.

BIG GAS DEAL.

Pittsburg Companies Consolidate With Capital of Five Million Dollars.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—D. Herbert Hostetter, one of the largest holders of gas stock in this city, announced to-night the consummation of a big gas deal which he has been negotiating for a year or more. The five gas companies in Pittsburg and Allegheny have consolidated and will be operated under one head with a capital stock of $5,000,000. The plants amalgamated are the Pittsburg Gas Co., Consolidated Gas Co., Allegheny Gas Co., South Side Gas Co. and East End Gas Co. A new $800,000 plant will be erected supplied with improved machinery, which will effect a saving of about 80 per cent on the cost of production. The new process to be used consists mainly of the substitution of inclined retorts for the old horizontal kind and the innovation will be the first attempted in this country.

ARCHBISHOP KAIN.

His Grace Expected to Arrive From Europe To-Day.

It was understood at the Archepiscopal residence that Archbishop Kain would reach the city from his European journey last night, but he failed to arrive. Announcement is now made that he will be at home to-day.

Quite a number of personal friends called at the residence last night to give his grace greeting, and were not a little disappointed over his non-arrival.

TO LIE IN STATE.

Tribute to One of the Chief Characters in "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 18.—The body of Lewis George Clarke, the original George Harris of Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," who died Thursday, will lie in state in the Auditorium from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Sunday. No such honor has ever before been paid a negro in Kentucky.

TROUBLE BREWING.

Cattlemen and Sheep-Herders on the Verge of a Fight.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 18.—Serious trouble is threatened in the counties west of here between the sheep drivers and cattlemen. The sheep drivers are trespassing with their flocks on the open ranges occupied by the cattlemen and have refused to get off when ordered to do so. The cattlemen threaten to put them off by force.

A VERY COLD DAY.

Lincoln, Neb., Has a Touch of Record-Breaking Weather.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 18.—Weather records show this to have been the coldest December day in Nebraska for ten years. Lincoln was the coldest point of those reporting, except three, in the United States. The Government thermometer registered 16 below zero at 7 this morning. Country towns were even colder. At York and Geneva it was 20 below, at Sutton 2 and at Weeping Water 26.

Cold in the Northwest.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 18.—The intense cold continues to-day. Battleford, with 34 below, being the cold center at 7 o'clock this morning, and St. Paul and Huron, with 10 below, being the warmest of the entire territory this side of Calgary, where a warm streak at 14 above was reported.

Look out for colds
At this season. Keep
Your blood pure and
Rich and your system
Toned up by taking
Hood's Sarsaparilla. Then
You will be able to
Resist exposure to which
A debilitated system
Would quickly yield.

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We will move to the Fullerton Building, corner Seventh and Pine Sts., February 15th, 1898. We will sell our entire stock of

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HANNA GOING TO OHIO.

He Will Remain Until His Campaign for Re-Election Is Over.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senator Hanna will leave for Ohio on Tuesday of next week and remain there until after his campaign for re-election is ended. He will go direct to his home at Cleveland and will spend Christmas week there. Early in the following week he will go to the State capital at Columbus. The Legislature meets January 3, but the balloting does not begin until Tuesday, January 11. The date of the Republican caucus has not yet been filed, but it is usually held on Thursday or Friday preceding the balloting. Senator Hanna declines to discuss the situation for publication, beyond saying that he has not heard of any other Republican candidate.

"I stand as the choice of the Republicans of Ohio," said he, "as that choice was declared by them in convention assembled at Toledo, and my candidacy has been formally indorsed by all except four counties in the State."

Senator Hanna would not discuss the Republican opposition to his candidacy. He said he had studiously refrained from doing so in the past, and would continue to do so.

Mining Tract Sold.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CARTHAGE, Mo., Dec. 18.—At the Courthouse door to-day the 480-acre Guinn & Lloyd mining tract at Joplin was sold at partition sale for $8,400. John C. Guinn and John W. Reece were the purchasers. It is said they represent the Bankers' Mining Co.

For the Castellane Palace.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Count and Countess Castellane (formerly Miss Anna Gould) have purchased an Italian palace at Verong, in which are eleven ceilings painted by Tiepolo. They will be transferred to the Castellane's Paris house, which contains a splendidly appointed theater.

Marine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Arrived: Island, Copenhagen; Edam, Amsterdam; Paris, Southampton. Sailed: Massachusetts, London; Ems, Naples; La Gascogne, Havre; Umbria, Liverpool.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—Sailed: Thingvalla, New York. Arrived: Norge, New York.

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 18.—Sailed: St. Paul, New York.

Dangerous Fall on Ice.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CARTHAGE, Mo., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Hannah Hall, aged 76, who is visiting here from California, lies at the point of death, the result of a severe fracture of her hip, from a fall on the ice to-day.

DEATHS.

BRENNAN—On Saturday, Dec. 18, at 11:30 p. m., Mathew J. Brennan, Jr., son of M. J. Brennan, at the residence of his father, 1431 Union avenue.
Due notice of funeral will be given.

CLINTON—Saturday, Dec. 18, 1897, at 1:25 p. m., Mary L. Clinton, at her residence, 3952 Fairfax avenue, aged 49 years and 11 months.
Due notice of funeral will be given.
Buffalo (N. Y.), Albany (N. Y.) and Bowling Green (Mo.) papers please copy.

DARRACOTT—On Friday, Dec. 17, at 2 a. m., after a short illness, James T. Darracott, beloved husband of Carrie Darracott (nee Gaab), and our dear father, aged 46 years.
Funeral on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 1:30 p. m., from residence, No. 2832A South Jefferson avenue, to Westminster Presbyterian Church, corner Eighteenth and Pestalozzi streets.

GRUENINGER—In Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 10, William F. Gruening, son of John Gruening.
Funeral Sunday, Dec. 19, at 1 p. m., from residence, at Seven-Mile House, Olive Street road.

HOARD—On the 18th inst., at 4 p. m., Oliver P. Hoard, aged 47 years, at his residence, 1533 Papin street.
Due notice of funeral will be given.

MANNING—On Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 8:30 a. m., Mary Manning, relict of the late John Manning, aged 70 years.
Funeral Sunday, Dec. 19th, at 2 p. m., from late residence, 3134 Clifton place, to St. Teresa's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends invited to attend.

MEARS—On the 17th inst., at 12:30 a. m., Walter W. Mears, aged 21 years, dearly beloved son of Mrs. Catherine Mears (nee Catherine McCaffery).
Funeral from family residence, No. 1024 North Eighteenth street, Sunday, the 19th inst., at 2 p. m., to St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery.

O'BRIEN—On Friday, Dec. 17, at 6:45 a. m., Catherine O'Brien, nee Vaughn, beloved mother of Timothy, David, John, Mary and Alice O'Brien, after lingering illness.
Funeral will take place Monday, Dec. 20, at 8:30 a. m. from family residence, 3522 Cozens avenue, to St. Teresa's Church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends of family are invited to attend.

PHILLIPS—On the 17th inst. at 12:30 p. m., Zoe Irene Phillips, infant daughter of George W. and Lulu Phillips (nee Freeman).
Funeral from the family residence, 2902 Rutger street, Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2 p. m. Moberly (Mo.) and Louisville (Ky.) papers please copy.

ROENFELDT—On Thursday, Dec. 16, at 10:45 a. m., after a long illness, Wm. H. Roenfeldt, beloved husband of Louise Roenfeldt (nee Oberreither) and father of Lulu, Laura, Lillie, Willie and Linda Roenfeldt, and son of Claus Roenfeldt, at the age of 36 years and 9 months.
Funeral will take place Sunday at 2 p. m. from family residence, 2852 Easton avenue. Friends of the deceased are invited to attend.

SHEA—On Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7:20 p. m., Agnes Shea, beloved daughter of Daniel and Mary Shea, nee Sheehan, and our dear sister, aged 12 years and 6 months.
Funeral will take place from family residence, No. 1122 Montgomery street, on Monday, Dec. 20, at 2 p. m. to Calvary Cemetery.
New York City and Savannah (Ga.) papers please copy.

VOSS—On Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2:30 p. m., after a brief illness, F. W. Voss, beloved husband of Charlotte Voss (nee Huelmeyer), and father of Mrs. Ed A. Oetgen (nee Voss), aged 63 years.
Funeral from family residence, 1304 Wagoner place, on Monday, Dec. 20, at 2 p. m., to Bellefontaine Cemetery. Friends invited to attend.

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REMEMBER,

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OUT OF TOWN ORDERS FILLED DAY OF RECEIPT. NO DELAY.

SOLDIERS WHO DO NOT FIGHT.

Havana Volunteers Refuse to Accept Active Service.

OPPOSED TO AUTONOMY.

THEY ARE A MENACE TO AMERICAN LIVES AND MAY YET CAUSE WAR.

PANDO'S PLANS BALKED.

He Cannot Compel the Volunteers to Enter the Regular Service and Spain Can Raise No More Troops.

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.

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HAVANA, Dec. 18.—The Havana volunteers will not go into the field to fight. They will continue to parade in Havana as 20,000 menaces to American lives and to international peace.

If war comes between Spain and the United States they probably will be the direct cause of it.

They may, in any moment of considerable anti-American excitement in Havana, mob the United States Consulate and kill a lot of unarmed American citizens.

The Havana volunteers are densely ignorant, immensely prejudiced and bloodthirsty. They lay the success of the insurrection to the United States. They consider American Congressmen their natural enemies. Americans are to them nothing more than "fat pigs, to be stuck with Spanish bayonets." Pen and pencil daily foster this idea in their periodicals.

Gen. Pando told the Post-Dispatch recently that his principal aim in the military conduct of the war would be to obtain as many "presentados" as possible and to turn them into cavalry and infantry "guerrilla" organizations. These, with the corps of volunteers—who are also acclimated and to some extent familiar with the peculiar conditions of the Cuban war—were to fight the insurgents upon their own ground and in their own manner. Small bodies were to be employed against the smaller bands of rebels and the relentless harassing of such a style of warfare, Gen. Pando thought, would surely and speedily end the war and the rebels.

The new administration was assured that the war being made hard for them, the insurgents would quickly accept the autonomy leniently offered by Sagasta and his brains—Moret.

Unfortunately the volunteers won't fight. They never did conquer anything except seven Cuban youngsters, and that was twenty years ago and happened inside strong Spanish fortifications. Havana's volunteer corps is really the conservative party of Cuba. It is officered by Spanish merchants who have become rich from the import laws, which real autonomy would demolish, and its rank and file are the employes of the officers. Its 20,000 members are a unit against any reform. They even assailed Canovas when he hinted at a change in Spain's Cuban policy. They are even more soldily against marching out into the chills, soaks and roasts of a Spanish soldier's campaign life in Cuba. They joined the volunteers principally to escape just such service.

Gen. Blanco found it inadvisable to demand further sacrifices from already depleted Spain. This war has already cost the Spanish nation more than 90,000 lives. Recent riots over the embarkation of even small reinforcement detachments at Barcelona render further drafts impracticable.

But there were the volunteers of Havana to draw upon. Their colonels were summoned before Gen. Blanco, who complimented them upon "the historic patriotism of their valiant soldiers," and casually requested that they would report to him soon the number of men they could put into the gaps of skeleton regiments of regulars in the field.

They answered promptly. One of them said that the volunteers were a solid phalanx against the Captain-General. They flatly told him they would not go into the field because "not one volunteer is an autonomist." Neither will one be a soldier—at least for field service in Cuba.

Gen. Blanco cannot legally compel their compliance. A cleverly worded clause in a volunteer's enlistment papers gives the extreme punishment for disobedience as dismissal from the honorable corps.

Therefore a peremptory marching order from Gen. Blanco would simply discharge the whole 20,000.

They may then be regularly drafted into service in the regular regiments. But as volunteers not one will ever chase rebels. Outside of short periods of garrison service they are worthless.

CHARGED WITH BLACKMAIL.

Young Woman Pursued a St. Joseph Bank Cashier.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 18.—Miss May Tuttle, a young woman who is also known as Mrs. James Prescott, was arrested to-day on a charge of blackmailing Max Ondriano, cashier of the Merchants' Bank. The young woman admits that she was paid $300 by Andriano, but says she did not blackmail him. When she went to the bank to-day to demand another $100 she was arrested by two officers.

BABY BORN WITH TEETH.

A Singular Freak of Nature at Charleston, Ill.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CHARLESTON, Ill., Dec. 18.—A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Merrill this morning with two perfectly formed teeth. They are incisors in the lower jaw. Dr. Patten, the attending physician, says he has heard of such things, but that this is the first instance that ever came under his observation.

Judgment Against Mamerow.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18.—A confession of judgment for $45,875 against George Mamerow, manager of the Berner-Mayer Co., dealers in beer pumps, was entered in the Superior Court. The judgment, which is in favor of the Dime Savings and Banking Co. of Cleveland, O., was entered on two notes given Sept. 9 in Cleveland, where the main offices of the company are located.

Bryne Is Better.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—President Byrne of the Brooklyn ball club, who is dangerously ill at his home in this city, was reported to be a little better to-night.

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RELIEF BILL PASSED AND SIGNED.

The Secretary of War to Send Supplies to Klondike.

HE MAY USE THE ARMY.

ARMY IS REQUIRED TO SELL PROVISIONS TO THOSE WHO CAN AFFORD TO BUY.

OTHER NEEDY MAY BE HELPED.

A Fund of $200,000 Has Been Provided and the Work Will Be Commenced Within a Very Few Days.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—During the executive session of the Senate to-day the conference report upon the bill providing relief for the Klondike miners was received and adopted. The bill appropriates $200,000 to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War in purchasing supplies for the relief of people in the Yukon River country or other mining regions of Alaska, and for the transportation and distribution of such supplies, provided that if the consent of the Canadian government be obtained the Secretary of War may extend relief into Canadian territory. The resolution further provides that the supplies may be sold in that region at such prices as may be fixed by the Secretary of War or donated to those unable to pay for them.

The Secretary of War is authorized to use the United States Army in carrying into effect the provisions of the act, to import reindeer and drivers for the transportation of the supplies and to adopt such other provisions as are practicable.

The Secretary is directed when the work shall have been completed to sell the reindeer or turn them over to the Secretary of the Interior in his discretion, and to make a detailed report to Congress at the beginning of the next session of all disbursements made and results accomplished under the act.

The Senate passed a joint resolution providing for the expenditure of $10,000 more than ordinarily intended upon the Government building at the Transmississippi International Exposition at Omaha, Neb.; that $2,500 be appropriated for a building at the Exposition for a display of the lifesaving service, and that the cost of the Government display be reduced from $150,000 to $137,500, the entire cost of the Government buildings at the Exposition to be $62,500.

On motion of Mr. Hale (Maine) the Senate then, at 12:45 p. m., went into executive session.

The Senate adjourned to January 5.

The President this afternoon signed the joint resolutions passed by Congress to-day for the relief of the miners in the Yukon River country, and changing the appropriation for the government building and display at the Omaha (Neb.) Exposition.

It is probable that Capt. David L. Brainerd of the subsistence department of the army will be placed in charge of the relief party that Secretary Alger will send to the Klondike region with provisions. He is now on duty at the army building in New York city, and has been ordered to report to Gen. Merriam, the commander of the Department of the Columbia at Portland, Ore. On the way he will stop in Washington for consultation with Secretary Alger. He will have particular charge of the commissariat department of the expedition. Capt. Brainerd accompanied Gen. Greely on his arctic explorations, and it is largely through his heroism that the small remnant of the party was able to subsist until relief came. Brainerd also held the honor, until Nansen's feat, of having made the farthest point north ever reached.

IN THE HOUSE.

The Klondike Bill Passed and Other Measures Adopted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The conference report on the emergency relief measure for the Klondike country was presented to the House and agreed to. It compromises the amount of relief at $200,000, provides for securing the consent of Canada to extending the relief to the Canadian side and authorizes the use of the army to carry out the relief measures. It also provides that the supplies must be purchased instead of being donated.

At 12:30 p. m. Mr. Boutelle of Illinois offered resolutions of profound regret on the death of Mr. Cooke of Illinois and eulogies were begun.

At 2:10, the eulogies being concluded, the House adjourned to Jan. 5.

LAWSON A BAD MAN.

He Was Too Free With His Gun and Is Now a Corpse.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 18.—While sitting in a chair in his divorced wife's apartments to-day, George Lawson shot himself in the abdomen, death resulting instantly. It is a conjecture whether the man shot himself intentionally or accidentally. He went to Mrs. Lawson's home, presumably with the intention of first killing her and then himself. Some time ago, Lawson, who is a hack driver, accused his wife of infidelity and then shot her. He turned the weapon upon himself and inflicted a severe wound. They both recovered after several weeks in the hospital. Since then the woman secured a divorce, and on this account he has often threatened to kill her. To-day he found his former wife at her home, and, flourishing a revolver wildly, announced that he had come there for business. Mrs. Lawson and a boarder fled from the room, and an instant later a shot was heard and Lawson was found sitting in a chair, dead. It is presumed that he sat down to await her return, and while in this position his pistol was discharged by accident.

A Counterfeiter's Confession.

FT. SCOTT, Kan., Dec. 18.—Walter Snyder, under arrest here for larceny, confessed to United States Commissioner Moeller to-day that he had escaped from jail in Chicago about September 1. He was under arrest there for counterfeiting, and in his confession he stated that he had spent 900 counterfeit silver dollars in South Chicago and that he knew where 3,300 more such coins were hidden.

Novak's Bail Reduced.

DES MOINES, Io., Dec. 18.—Chief Justice Kinne has reduced the bail of Novak, the murderer of Murray, from $37,000 to $18,000. The court refused to consider habeas corpus proceedings based on the plea of a right to bail by a person convicted of murder in the second degree.

Homeseekers' low rates Dec. 21 and reservation in the tourist sleeping car. Apply at 103 North Broadway.

Perrine's Comet Medal

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 18.—The comet medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific has been awarded to Assistant Astronomer C. D. Perrine of the Lick Observatory for his discovery of an unexpected comet on Oct. 16 last.

CURES QUICKLY AND SAFELY.

The Pyramid Pile Cure Cures the Most Aggravated Cases of Piles With Absolute Safety.

Pyramid Pile Cure will cure the most aggravated case of hemorrhoids in an astonishingly short time. It relieves the congested parts, reduces the tumors instantly, no matter how large, allays the inflammation and stops the aching or itching at once.

Thousands who had resorted to expensive surgical treatment have been cured by the Pyramid Pile Cure—in a number of instances persons who have spent months in a hospital under a pile specialist.

It is a remedy that none need fear to apply even to the most aggravated, swollen and inflamed hemorrhage tumors.

If you are afflicted with this stubborn disease you can master it and master it quickly.

This remedy is no longer an experiment, but a medical certainty.

Druggists sell at 50 cents per box. It is becoming the most popular pile cure this country has ever known and druggists everywhere are ordering it for their customers.

For book on cause and cure of piles address Pyramid Co., Marshall, Mich. (formerly of Albion, Mich.)

DOINGS OF TWO FAMOUS ACTRESSES.

BERNHARDT DODGING VITRIOL.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Sarah Bernhardt, in an interview on Wednesday, said:

"My life is wearied by the ceaseless watch I am obliged to keep against vitriol." She has been escorted everywhere, having been threatened by Mme. Kleine, who, months ago, threatened to use vitriol and who at Sarah's instance was confined in an asylum.

HADING'S JEWELS SOLD.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The society event of Paris this week was the sale of Jane Hading's jewels on Thursday. Her lap-dog's collar, studded with diamonds, fetched $1,000; a dog collar with superb pearl and diamond pendants was sold for $7,000, and a pearl necklace was auctioned off for $9,400. The paintings and furniture of the popular French actress will be sold next week.

CLIFFORD MORLEY FATALLY STABBED.

A Double Tragedy This Morning on Bartmer Avenue.

FATAL QUARREL AT A PARTY.

FRANK WATROUS TRIED TO FORCE ALBERT ARNOLD TO JOIN IN THE DANCE.

ARNOLD IS SERIOUSLY CUT.

Morley, Their Host, Interfered, Whereupon Watrous Used His Knife and Is Now Under Arrest.

The dead body of Clifford C. Morley lies at the Morgue, Albert Arnold is at his home in a critical condition, and Frank Watrous is locked in a cell at the Mounted District Police Station charged with the double tragedy.

There was a social dance at the Morley home, 6127 Bartmer avenue, last night. Among the guests were Arnold and Watrous. The whole house was brilliantly lighted and the revelers danced upstairs and down. Arnold retired from the festivities about 12:30 o'clock and sat alone in the kitchen.

Watrous entered the kitchen and insisted that Arnold resume his place with the dancers. From a friendly beginning, the argument developed into a quarrel. Watrous suddenly plunged a knife into Arnold's neck, inflicting an eight inch wound, which is pronounced serious.

Morley was upstairs at the time of the assault on Arnold. He heard the noise and ran to the kitchen. There stood Watrous with the bloody knife in his hand. Arnold lay upon the floor in a pool of blood.

Morley charged Watrous with provoking the quarrel, and he had uttered but few words when Watrous stabbed him, severing the femoral artery.

Frank Sidel, who keeps a saloon at Bartmer avenue and Suburban tracks, was one of the visitors. He took Watrous to his saloon and hid him in an upstairs room as soon as Morley was wounded.

Morley lived but a few minutes, and the police were notified. They were refused admission to the Sidel saloon, it is claimed, and the door was broken open, and Watrous was taken to the mounted station.

Arnold ran to a neighboring saloon after he was stabbed, and, although Morley was rapidly bleeding to death, he struggled to his feet and followed Arnold. Just as he reached the saloon door he fell dead.

Mrs. Morley is aware of the stabbing affray, but the death of her husband was kept from her last night.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is the best of all remedies for children teething. 25c.

SOMETHING SUBSTANTIAL

For Christmas Gifts.....

The presents most appreciated are those which enter into the home life and give the recipient pleasure the year 'round.

Choose from This Week's Specials at Walker's. Make your selections any day—we deliver whenever you say.

FANCY PARLOR ROCKERS—
Leather seat, solid oak or mahogany finish, new, elegant designs, as low as..... $1.68
Splendid Willow Rockers at $1.75.

SMYRNA RUGS—
A handsome, lasting gift, in most attractive designs, size 26x52, only... $1.35

PRETTY PARLOR TABLES—
The favorite Shakspearean style, brass feet, elegant finish..... $1.10

FULL SIZE LACE CURTAINS—
Three and one-half yards long, new, tasteful and artistic designs, per pair..... 88c

CORDUROY COUCHES—
Made for solid comfort—a most worthy and acceptable gift, this week only..... $5.00
A great variety of odd chairs and parlor pieces at factory prices, on easy terms of payment.

Walker's
208 N. 12th St.
Near Olive

Walker's Plan—Pay as You Can.

Heating Stoves—
For moderate sized rooms, as low as..... $2.10

SISTER MAY SAVE HIM.

Bessie De Pue Comes to Her Brother's Rescue.

HE'S ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

SHE TESTIFIES THAT CHARLES SHOT PIETSCH BECAUSE HE INSULTED HER.

MAKES HER BROTHER A HERO.

Prosecution Was Taken by Surprise When the Young Girl Came Into Court and Overturned Their Case.

A young woman stands between Charles De Pue, the black cap, the rope and death. She is his sister.

There was a kaleidescope change in Judge Flitcraft's division of the Circuit Court yesterday afternoon. One minute the entire evidence of the defense was swept away as airy trifles by a strong arm from a table; the next a new defense was being builded, and it was one that appealed to the hearts of the twelve jurors.



BESSIE DE PUE IS TRYING TO SAVE HER BROTHER.

Since Charles De Pue was placed on trial for the murder of Morris Pietsch, the old groceryman at Twelfth and Brooklyn streets, there have been rumors concerning a woman who would appear at the critical moment and give testimony which would save his life. Lovers of romance believed this woman would prove to be the young man's sweetheart and many stories were woven out of the cloth of conjecture as to her probable testimony.

The critical moment came yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The State had proved that young De Pue killed the old grocer on the evening of Nov. 10, 1896. The defense was weak and lacked concentration. Judge, jurors and spectators wondered what was to be proved. There seemed little hope for the prisoner. Charles Noland, his attorney, had notified the court that there was but one more witness.

All in the room were expectant, wondering what would be the development and Mr. Noland said:

"Mr. Sheriff, summon Miss De Pue."

Probably no more beautiful woman ever stepped from witness room to witness chair in the old court room. She walked with a swinging motion, as if in defiance of those arrayed against her brother, and there was not a symptom of hesitation. She was richly dressed, in dark clothing of the latest make, and crowning all was a tall, broad-brimmed hat of green felt, trimmed with black ostrich plumes, one of which fell down on the right and coquetted with her cheek.

Brother and sister were in marked contrast as to union though both were faultlessly attired. He leaned back in his chair and sank down on the seat; she was well to the front of hers and erect. His face was unnaturally pale and so thin that it might be termed wizen, his hair of a dead yellowish brown was brushed down at the side, on his upper lip and chin were a few straggling hairs—for Charles De Pue is but a boy, has just reached the age of 21—and on the forefinger and thumb of his right hand were the stains of nicotine that told of innumerable cigarettes. She was a brunette with rosy cheeks, classical features, heavy eyebrows and lashes, a perfect form well displayed by her tight fitting dress.

At last she told her story, the story that was told to save her brother's neck. It was a dialogue between lawyer and witness, frequently interrupted by objections and arguments, but expunging these interruptions for the time the story was as follows:

Q. Your name, please? A. Bessie De Pue.
Q. Your age? A. Eighteen.
Q. Are you related to the defendant? A. I am his sister.
Q. Were you acquainted with Morris Pietsch, the grocer at Fourteenth and Brooklyn streets? A. I was.
Q. Did you see Morris Pietsch on the evening of November 10, 1896? A. I did.
Q. Where was he? A. Standing in the doorway of his grocery.
Q. Did he speak to you? A. Yes, sir.
Q. What did he say?

The girl turned her face to the jury and lowered her tones. A blush suffused her cheeks, as she spoke, and it was several minutes before she could face the audience again. She told of a question put to her by the grocer, who was nearly three-score years of age, that would cause any man's blood to quicken with anger, were it asked of a loved one. She told of an offer he made that caused her to run from him toward her home.

Putting the story in dialogue again it was as follows:

Q. Was your brother at home when you arrived? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Did you tell him what happened? A. I did.
Q. How long after that did he leave the house? A. About a half-hour; possibly longer.
Q. And what was the next you heard of Morris Pietsch? A. He was dead.

Thus by the sister an insult had been proven and those present wondered if this was all. It was not. More startling revelations were to follow and they were brought out by the following question and answer:

Q. Is this the only time that Pietsch insulted you? A. No, sir.
Q. When did he do so? A. About three months before.

Again the girl lowered her voice so that only judge and jury could hear. She told of a struggle in the grocery, of the old man throwing his arms around her and pressing his kisses on her lips.

"Did you tell this to your brother?" asked Lawyer Noland.

"Yes, sir," she replied.

That was all; it was the sister's reason for her brother being a homicide.

The bitter fight made by the Circuit Attorney against the admission of the foregoing evidence showed how damaging the State regarded testimony on this line. Before Miss De Pue had an opportunity to tell what happened, "I object!" rang out and a bitter argument followed, " was not heard by the jury. They were sent out of the room.

While the twelve men were absent Judge Flitcraft proved how completely the line of defense had been changed by a few remarks he made to the lawyers for the defense.

"Mr. Noland," said he, "as I understand it, you have abandoned other lines of defense; admit the killing and this witnesses testimony is supposed to mitigate the enormity of the crime?"

The lawyer nodded assent.

Yesterday was the fourth day of the murder trial. The afternoon session opened with John M. Rader, Coroner's clerk, on the stand. He was a witness for the defense and Mr. Noland wished him to identify the typewritten record of the Coroner's inquest on the body of Morris Pietsch.

Then Judge Flitcraft made his startling ruling referred to elsewhere in the Sunday Post-Dispatch that records in the Coroner's office had been illegally kept and were not admissable as evidence. He refused to allow Mr. Rader to identify the records and held that the only evidence he would hear on that point was the stenographer, who took the shorthand notes at the inquest.

When Mr. Noland found he could not use the Coroner's clerk as a witness, he called Mrs. De Pue, mother of the prisoner.

She is a little woman and was clad in black, over all being thrown a long astrachan cloak.

She told of the boy's early life and the religious training he had received. When a young man he learned type setting, being anxious to become a printer, that trade being his father's.

She had always been worried about her son, because of his peculiarities. He was nervous and fretful and easily given to anger.

When the mother was dismissed the daughter was called. They passed each other as the young woman walked to the stand.

Whether Bessie DePue's story will remain uncontradicted remains to be seen. It will be investigated and evidence in rebuttal will probably be heard to-morrow.

The police do not believe that old Pietsch was slain because he insulted Charles De Pue's sister. They maintain, and the Circuit attorney believed, till Bessie DePue testified—that he had made it clear to the jury that the defendant entered the grocery with a purpose to rob the old man and shot him because he resisted.

DePue's reputation substantiated this theory. He was feared by his associates, because he habitually went armed and his mind ran on murder. He carried two revolvers usually, and the men to whom he confessed the killing were afraid to expose him until Chief Desmond promised that their names should not be made public.

Bessie De Pue was visiting friends last evening and could not be seen by a reporter for the Post-Dispatch who wished to question her concerning the remarkable evidence of the afternoon.

Mrs. De Pue was asked what she knew of the alleged assault on her daughter by old man Pietsch.

"Nothing at all," she said, "except what Bessie told me, and told on the witness stand. Old man Pietsch insulted her."

"When and how did he insult her?"

"He insulted her twice. The first time was about three months before the killing. She went there for some chewing gum or something, and he tried to put his arms around her and kiss her."

"Did she tell you about it at the time?"

"Yes, she came right home and told me. Charlie wanted to go right out and beat the old man, but we told him for his sister's sake not to make any stir."

"When was the second insult?"

"That was the day the old man was killed."

"What did he say or do to her?"

"He asked her to come back that night and see him in his room. She came home and told me. The boy heard her tell it that night. He never said a word that night—just went out after awhile and killed the old man."

"Did he tell you he had killed him?"

"No, we never knew anything about it till he gave himself up."

"Knowing that he had threatened before to beat Pietsch, you did not suspect Charlie when you heard the old man was killed?"

"No, we knew nothing about it till the boy gave himself up."

FASHIONS IN UMBRELLAS.

New Ideas for Beauty and Convenience Now in Vogue.

Gloomy, damp days are made cheerful by the beauty of the new umbrellas, which are now frequently made of bright plaid silk or lined in a gay color. Glace silk introduces a shimmer changing into red or blue from black, and one in this style shown in the beautiful collection of Mermod & Jaccard, Broadway corner Locust, has a handle of sterling silver gilt, richly set in carbuncles, for $20. A bright plaid costs but $7.50, and a novelty which has a dainty bon-bon box of silver gilt, set with an amethyst, is $10.50. Good quality of silk, with close roll and steel rod may be had from $1.95 to $25.00, for ladies or gentlemen. The Princess of Wales strap and tassel is handsome and convenient for slipping over the arm when the umbrella is closed.

Seventh Warders Will Entertain.

The Seventh Ward Democratic League Club will give its first entertainment and hop to-night at National Hall, Dolman street and Allen avenue. The best talent has been engaged by Mr. Harvey R. Pesold. A cake walk will conclude the festivities.

TOOK MONEY FOR THE POOR.

Salvation Army Soldiers Braved the Bitter Weather.

THEY DIDN'T MIND THE COLD.

MONEY TO FEED THE POOR ON CHRISTMAS WAS WHAT THEY WANTED.

MORE FUNDS WILL BE NEEDED.

First Collection for the Big Christmas Dinner to Be Given the Destitute of St. Louis by the Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army was conspicuously in evidence yesterday. Although the mercury hovered close about the lower end of the thermometer and the ground was covered with snow, forty crusaders braved the bitter cold and stood upon the street corners from 12 o'clock till 4, accepting contributions to a fund which is to be used in the great Christmas charity dinner.

Lads and lassies held boxes prepared especially for the occasion. There was a slot in the top of each box, and into it dropped many a coin for the suffering poor, who but for the Salvation Army would spend the greatest of all holidays in hunger and cold.

In the language of Maj. Miles, the head of the undertaking, "the feast is now an assured success." Additional funds are needed, but Maj. Miles believes that through the Post-Dispatch, the charitable public is so well acquainted with the object of the Christmas dinner, that the required money and provisions will soon be made up.

The street contributions collected yesterday by the forty members who stood four hours on the corners aggregated $157.29.

Mrs. Maj. Miles, a slender little woman with the courage of a General, won distinction by taking in the maximum collection. She took in $19.27. Her success was due largely to her ability to give all inquirers a clear, concise explanation of the purpose for which the money is to be used. Several of the other workers received satisfactory contributions. Each one stood guard faithfully, but some collected small sums by reason of unfavorable location.

The money came in all denominations. The total was made up as follows:

One five-dollar bill	$ 5 00
Nineteen one-dollar bills	19 00
Forty-five half-dollars	22 50
One hundred and eighty quarters	45 00
Three hundred and seventy-eight dimes	37 80
Five hundred and twenty-three nickels	26 15
One hundred and eighty-four pennies	1 84
Total	$157 29

It was a thoroughly chilled crowd of forty valiant soldiers, women and men, that climbed the stairs leading to Maj. Miles' office, 1411 Franklin avenue, shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Four hours in one position on the streets of St. Louis in such weather as prevailed yesterday was enough to test the endurance of the most zealous. As soon as possible after leaving the streets, the collectors reported to Maj. Miles. The money was counted and immediately placed in a safe deposit vault.

The scene in Maj. Miles' office was well worth seeing. Some of the lassies who stood on the streets were but slender slips of girls. Their faces were red from the biting blasts, their hands were numb and their feet were like icicles, but not one murmur was heard. They crowded around the little stove in the Major's office, and talked cheerfully of their experiences. Each one eagerly expressed a desire to go forth on the same mission another day, if the Major so ordered.

Maj. Miles estimates that at least $250 additional cash will be needed. He has not yet announced what method of collection will be taken, but it is likely that the plan of Saturday will be tried again some day early in the week. It is imperative that there be no delay in raising the remainder of the Christmas dinner fund. The day is almost here and there is no time to be lost. Maj. Miles requests most urgently that all those intending to contribute do so at once.

Those who prefer may give provisions instead of cash. Maj. Miles also solicits clothing. In addition to giving the sufferers a cheery Christmas dinner, the army hopes to provide some of the most destitute with clothing. Any contributions sent to Maj. Miles, 1411 Franklin avenue, or to the Post-Dispatch, will be properly accounted for.

The following cash contributions, exclusive of street collections, were received:

Friend, per Dr. Harris	$ 5 00
Friend	2 00
Mrs. Horspool	1 00
Railroader (through Post-Dispatch)	1 00
Cash (through Post-Dispatch)	1 00
Total	$ 10 00
Saturday street collections	157 29
Grand total	$167 29

Supplemental to the foregoing cash contributions are donations of provisions as follows:

Helmer-Scheitlin Commission Co., one basket cranberries.
Ed J. Bruckner, one barrel apples.
Gerber Fruit Co., one box oranges.
V. Scalzo Fruit Co., one bunch bananas.
P. H. Krenning & Sons, twenty-five pounds dried peaches.
W. A. Scudder, four pounds coffee.
Hanley & Kinsella, twenty-five pounds coffee.
F. Smith & Co., two pounds coffee.
D. Corner, five pounds coffee.
L. Meyer, twenty pounds meat.
L. Meyer, one bushel potatoes.
Stocker Bros., five pounds coffee.
Sweet & Co., one ham.
E. J. Bruckner, one barrel of apples.
Friend, per Ensign Cassler, 100 loaves of bread.
Friend, per Capt. Gregerson, one small sack meal.
Friend, per Capt. Gregerson, one small bag beans.
Friend, per Cadet Smith, one small bag rice.
Friend, forty pounds coffee.
Friend, one ham.
Friend, 100 loaves of bread.
Friend, one small sack corn meal.
Friend, one bag beans.
Friend, one bag rice.
Mr. Davis, 5422 Magnolia avenue, roast of pork.
Mr. Davis, 5422 Magnolia avenue, ten loaves of bread.

ETHERIDGE DISAPPEARS.

He Collected for Michael Mulvihill and Had $200.

Michael Mulvihill, furniture dealer, 112 North Twelfth street, reported to Chief of Detectives Desmond last night that James Etheridge, employed by him as a collector, had disappeared with about $200 of the firm's money.

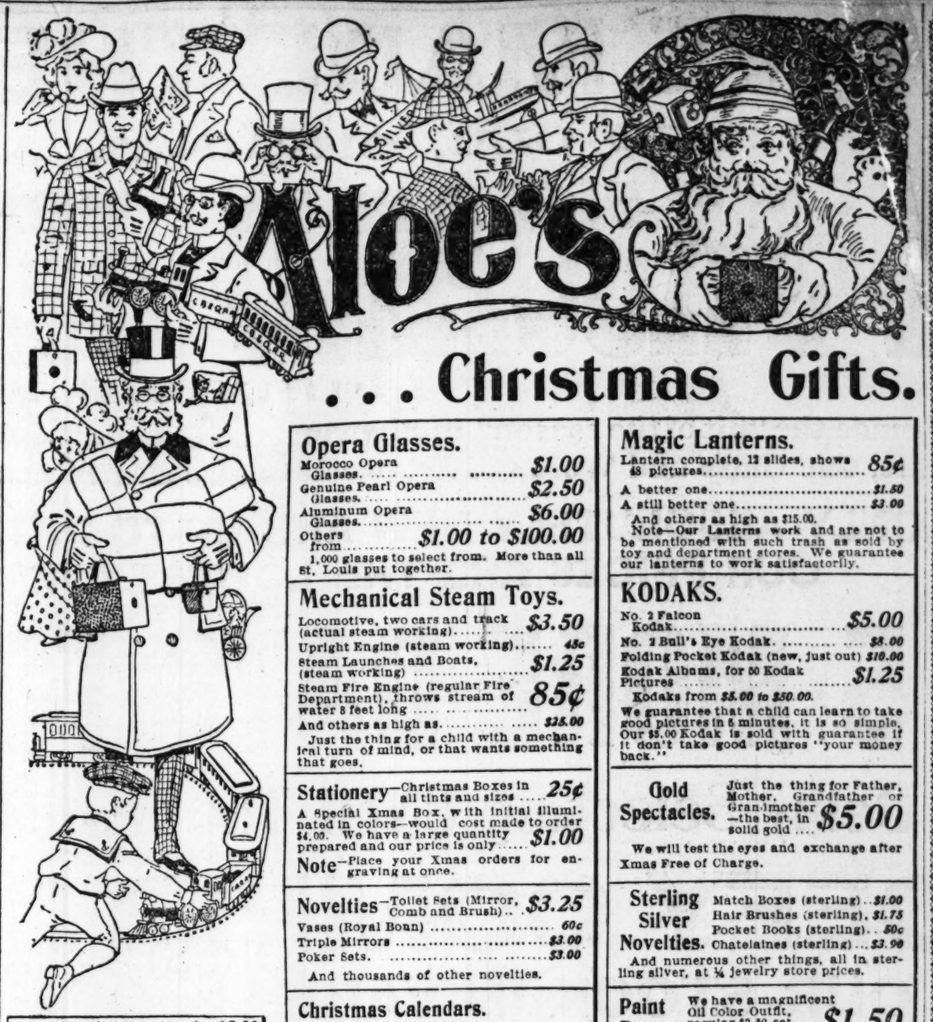
Mr. Mulvihill claims he learned early in the day that Etheridge was short in his accounts and made arrangements to have him arrested when he reported at the store in the evening. Etheridge, instead of reporting, went to his room at 2029 Pine street at 6 p. m., removed his belongings and disappeared.

He is about 37 years old, 5 feet 8 inches high, weighs 155 pounds and has ruddy complexion, sandy hair and mustache. He wore a dark brown suit and brown soft hat.

He has been employed by Mr. Mulvihill about five years. His home is in Jefferson County, Missouri.

Her Wheel Was Broken.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The British ship Otterspool, Capt. Reid, which arrived at Antwerp Dec. 8, from Sabine Pass, had her wheel broken and lost her deckload during the recent gales prior to her arrival.



. . . Christmas Gifts.

Opera Glasses.
Morocco Opera Glasses $1.00
Genuine Pearl Opera Glasses $2.50
Aluminum Opera Glasses $6.00
Others from ..... $1.00 to $100.00
1,000 glasses to select from. More than all St. Louis put together.

Mechanical Steam Toys.
Locomotive, two cars and track (actual steam working) $3.50
Upright Engine (steam working) 45c
Steam Launches and Boats, (steam working) $1.25
Steam Fire Engine (regular Fire Department), throws stream of water 8 feet long ..... 85¢
And others as high as $25.00
Just the thing for a child with a mechanical turn of mind, or that wants something that goes.

Stationery—Christmas Boxes in all tints and sizes ..... 25¢
A Special Xmas Box, with initial illuminated in colors—would cost made to order $4.00. We have a large quantity prepared and our price is only $1.00
Note—Place your Xmas orders for engraving at once.

Novelties—Toilet Sets (Mirror, Comb and Brush) $3.25
Vases (Royal Boan) 60c
Triple Mirrors $3.00
Poker Sets $3.00
And thousands of other novelties.

Christmas Calendars.
A Calendar that is sold all over town at 40c, we sell at ..... 15¢
A full line from ..... 15c to $7.50
We claim to show more Calendars than all St. Louis put together—don't fail to see them.

Magic Lanterns.
Lantern complete, 12 slides, shows 48 pictures ..... 85¢
A better one $1.50
A still better one $3.00
And others as high as $15.00.
Note—Our Lanterns work and are not to be mentioned with such trash as sold by toy and department stores. We guarantee our lanterns to work satisfactorily.

KODAKS.
No. 2 Falcon Kodak $5.00
No. 2 Bull's Eye Kodak $8.00
Folding Pocket Kodak (new, just out) $10.00
Kodak Albums, for 50 Kodak Pictures $1.25
Kodaks from $5.00 to $50.00.
We guarantee that a child can learn to take good pictures in 5 minutes, it is so simple. Our $5.00 Kodak is sold with guarantee if it don't take good pictures "your money back."

Gold Spectacles. Just the thing for Father, Mother, Grandfather or Grandmother—the best, in solid gold $5.00
We will test the eyes and exchange after Xmas Free of Charge.

Sterling Silver Novelties. Match Boxes (sterling) ..... $1.00; Hair Brushes (sterling) ..... $1.75; Pocket Books (sterling) ..... 50c; Chatelaines (sterling) $3.90
And numerous other things, all in sterling silver, at ¼ jewelry store prices.

Paint Boxes. We have a magnificent Oil Color Outfit, regular $2.50 set, at $1.50
Children's Water Color Box 10c
Children's Water Color Box as high as ..... 25¢ and 50¢
Also, INSTRUCTION BOOKS.

Lorgnettes (sterling silver) $5.00
Opera Glass Holders $1.50
Opera Glass Bags (big ass't.) $1.00
And others ..... $1.00 to $25.00

Open Till 10 P. M.

ALOES 517 OLIVE STREET

Mail Orders Filled.

ROBBED BIG STORES.

ZACHARIAH T. FINNEY AND WIFE ARRESTED IN PENNY & GENTLES SATURDAY.

THE HUSBAND CONFESSES.

Detectives Identify $100 Worth of Stolen Goods and Find Other Articles Which May Have Been Stolen.

Zachariah T. Finney, a Wabash passenger brakeman, running between St. Louis and Kansas City, and his wife, Millie, were arrested in Penny & Gentles' store, Broadway and Franklin avenue, Saturday evening by Detectives Flynn and Williams, charged with shoplifting. Several neckties, two pairs of gloves and several trinkets were found in the man's possession.

He admitted taking the goods, but claimed it was his first offense. His wife tearfully denied all knowledge of the thefts, in which she was upheld by her husband.

The couple were taken before Chief Desmond, where, after considerable "sweating," Finney admitted that he had stolen things before at several of the big stores. His thefts, he said, were all confined to trinkets and articles of small value.

The couple live at 2739½ Madison street. They have a son 12 years old. Detectives found that the couple had lived at the number some time. They identified $100 worth of goods stolen from Penny & Gentles. Among these were a $50 silk shawl and $50 worth of gloves, clothing and trinkets. Other goods which the detectives believe were stolen were also found, but they were not identified positively as stolen property.

Mrs. Finney convinced Chief Desmond that she was blameless and she was released.

Finney is about 45 years old and claims to have worked for the Wabash road nearly twenty years.

From his conversation he appears to be a religious fanatic. When arrested he wore his railroad uniform.

"LEX TALIONIS" AS TO CAFES.

Olive Street Restaurant Prepares to Knock Out Free Lunches.

One of the most popular and prosperous of the Olive street restaurants and lunchrooms is about to commence the policy of serving drinks free with lunches.

In this restaurant the waiter girls are all pretty. They wear black dresses, white caps, white aprons and white straps. In the neighborhood are a number of high-class cafes. These saloons serve from 11 o'clock until 1 a. m. elaborate lunch. The saloonkeepers call it merchants' lunch, and the owner of the restaurant thinks business has been hurt.

On Jan. 1 this restaurant will open an annex and in the annex will be a bar. A lunch will be served free with all drink orders in the annex, and in the restaurant proper drinks will go with meals.

"Lex talionis," laughed the handsome proprietress last evening.

THE POLICE AND THE COURTS.

Unjust Criticism of a Circuit Judge for Failure to Punish Offenders.

The police, in holding the courts responsible for the carnival of crime by insisting that the judges of the criminal divisions are lenient in the extreme, having evidently done Circuit Judge Zachritz an injustice.

One of the cases cited was that of "Coxey" Holden, charged with being an habitual criminal and assault to kill, sentenced to jail for four months. As a matter of fact Holden was tried by Judge Flitcraft, Judge Zachritz disqualifying, because the man who was shot was his cousin.

Now they did Judge Zachritz try Charles Michenfelder, ex-convict and burglar, who was let off with two years.

CIVIL SERVICE CASES.

They Involve the Right of Dismissal From Office.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The papers in the civil service cases from the West Virginia Internal Revenue District were filed in the United States Supreme Court to-day. The cases come to the Supreme Court on an appeal from the decision of Judge Jackson of the West Virginia Circuit Court. He issued a writ of permanently enjoining the Collector of Internal Revenue from removing from office gaugers and storekeepers employed by his predecessors, contrary, as was alleged, to the civil service law. The cases are the only ones involving this feature of the civil service law that have ever been heard in the Supreme Court and the decision will be looked forward to with much interest.

Mr. Stoddard's Paintings.

Mr. F. L. Stoddard, the painter, will give an exhibition of his paintings and sketches in his studio, 1626 Locust street, from 2 to 10 p. m., on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 20 and 21.

Mr. Stoddard recently returned from Paris, and the exhibition will include some of his best work done there and here since his return. He has some choice pictures which will repay inspection.

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CLAIMS HE IS A WITNESS.

Ed Quinn Wants to Testify in a Louisville Embezzlement Case.

A neatly dressed youth of about 20 years, giving his name as Ed Quinn, walked into Chief of Detectives Desmond's office and stated that he wanted to give himself up. He said he was wanted by the authorities in Louisville, Ky., as a witness against his brother-in-law, Louis Altman, arrested there Thursday, charged with embezzling about $15,000 from Charles Rosenheim & Co., dealers in chinaware at 746 Main street, Louisville. Altman was Rosenheim's bookkeeper.

"For seven years," said Quinn, "he has been taking the firm's money. Altman married my sister and for over a year I have lived with them. Their home is at 913 Twentieth street. I knew he was stealing the money for I have often heard him talking about it with his wife. Several times he wanted to run away, but she would not let him. He would take $300 or $400 at a time. He spent the money in furnishing his home, for dress, etc. He bought lots of diamonds. He has a lot of diamonds hidden and I know where they are. He knew that I knew all about his stealing.

"He was arrested Thursday, but got out on bond. The detectives who arrested him told me I would be wanted as a witness against him.

"As soon as Altman got out he took me to the depot in a carriage and sent me to St. Louis, telling me to stay here and not to let any one in Louisville know of my whereabouts. He gave me no money. My father lives here at Twenty-second and St. Charles streets. Since I have been here I have become afraid they will try to implicate my sister in Altman's crime. I want to go back there and tell all I know about it. I don't care about Altman, but I don't want my sister to go to the penitentiary."

Knights Publicly Installed.

Knights of Father Mathew will publicly install officers at Pickwick Theater and also initiate members this evening at 8 o'clock. Initiation exercises will be conducted by the Rev. J. H. Tettmer and the Executive Board. Rev. C. E. Byrne will deliver an address. So will Mr. John T. Hunt. Miss Gertrude Florence O'Neill will sing "Call Me Back," Miss Margaret Bannon will play a violin fantasie, H. L. Johnen's baritone voice will render "Hybrias, the Cretan," Misses M. Johann, A. Sabini and Messrs. A. M. Baker, H. L. Johnen will give the "Pleasant Wedding March." Miss Annunciata Sabini will give a contralto solo, with violin obligato by Miss Margaret Bannon. A soprano solo will be sung by Miss Maud Johann; tenor solo, by Mr. A. M. Baker; chorus, "Gloria Tweifth Mass," Mozart. Musical director, Prof. Angelo R. Gilsin.

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The Great Western Printing Co., 511 Market street, is again engaged in business on its own account.

Charles L. Kretchmar, who was named as assignee at the failure some months ago, has compromised with the creditors, and yesterday Judge Wood discharged him and gave the property back into the possession of the stockholders. The receiver paid nearly $30,000 to the creditors.

This company is one of the most extensive theatrical and show bill printing houses in the country, and the friends of the officers will learn with pleasure that the company is again on its feet.

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NEW SANE WARD NO 2.

It Will Be Needed Before No. 1 Is Ready to Use.

The delay building the ward for the insane at City Hospital, for which $1,200 was appriated last April, has provoked a livecontroversy.

At the lasteting of the Health Board a resolution passed at the instance of Dr. Merrell, ing the blame for the delay on J. Harry andall, Building Commissioner. At ormer session the Health Board, beingder the impression that the whole Bl of Public Improvements was respons for such public work, passed resolus demanding to know why the delay ato fix the responsibility. President Meh replied, showing that he alone of his bi had anything to do with the matter ainat he had urged it along as fast as thans were presented by the Building Comsioner. Randall writes a tart reply, sa that the cause of the delay is charge alone to the caprie ness of mind ge Health Commissioner that the resoln is uncalled for and he takes it as "insure."

Yesterday Eh Commissioner Starkloff laid the facts before the Mayor, who is also President of the Health Board.

After explaining what an injustice the delay has been to the unfortunates sent to the City Hospital, and how not unjustly the health board had been criticized for such poor treatment of patients, he proceeds to quote the record on Mr. Randall, much to his determent and to the exoneration of President McMath.

As soon as the appropriation was available, May 5, he informed Mr. McMath, who next day notified Randall to prepare the plans and push the work to speedy completion. May 26 Dr. Starkloff saw that the ward which had been selected was wholly unfit for the purpose. The plans were returned to him and he sent them back June 23 and Mr. McMath approved the changes.

The BuildingCommissioner submitted new plans July 13 and Dr. Starkloff approved them. Mr. McMath in further scrutinizing the plans discovered fatal defects and returned them for revision. Mr. Randall did not make a showing of them until November 23 four months later.

Then Dr. Starkloff denounces the statement of Mr. Randall as wholly untrue when he says the cause of delay rests with the Health Commissioner. He goes further, and reviews the career of Mr. Randall as architect of the city's eleemosynary institutions, calling to mind his "faulty and unsatisfactory construction" of a small-pox ward at the quarantine station two years ago; his construction of the lying-in ward at the Female Hospital, which had to be made over at considerable costs, much to the annoyance of the health board and the humane treatment of patients.

Dr. Starkloff concludes that, though the plans were commenced early in May for the insane ward, work was not actually commenced until December 9, and it is nobody's fault but J. Harry Randall's.

Christmas Pianos.

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Encountered a Heavy Gale.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The German ship Humboldt, Capt. Wendolt, which arrived at Dundee yesterday from Pensacola, Oct. 22, reported encountering a heavy gale accompanied by very high seas on Nov. 11. For several days the cabin and provision rooms were flooded with water. The ship also had foreratls smashed, main jib blown away and foretopmast stays carried away.

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FUNERAL OF JOSEPH A. SCHULZ.

Late President of the Mullanphy Board Buried in St. Mathew's.

The funeral of Joseph A. Schultz, president of the Mullanphy Board, occurred yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 1209 Dillon street, to St. Mathew's Cemetery, at Gravois avenue and Bates street.

Mr. Seguinot, the French Consul, delivered the funeral address. The pall-bearers were Louis H. Lohmeyer, Emil N. Pocaczk, J. H. Trembley, Louis Seguinot, Francis Kuhn, Gustave Biston, Dr. A. Derivaux and Sylvester P. Keyes.

Prospect Lodge, No. 52, A. O. U. W., Compton Hill Council, No. 55, Royal Arcanum, the French Benevolent Society, St. Louis Turn Verein, directors of the Liederkranz Society and officers of the Mullanphy Board attended the funeral in a body. J. H. Trembley, a friend of the family, spoke the final words of farewell at the grave.

North End Merchants' Ball.

The retail merchants of the North End gave a ball at Military Hall last night. There was a large attendance. A splendid musical programme was rendered.

SKATING ON POST-DISPATCH LAKE IN FOREST PARK.

There Was Great Sport Yesterday and Last Night, but According to Park Keeper Philip Kopplin There Will Be Better and More of It To-Day.



Fond ofating?

Then got to Forest Park and try the ice on thest-Dispatch Lake.

It was prime condition yesterday. Ice three and-e-half inches thick. Not a danger sign played at any point. Surface even, but wa thin coating of snow blown over it herd there.

To-day t will be better sport than yesterday. e weather was "making ice" all night. 't's the way the veteran park keeper, Phi Kopplin, expressed it, and Philip Kopl knows. He has been park keeper forars; was there before the Post-Dispa Lake was in existence. Unless the ic in the best of condition you can't get Ip Kopplin to recommend it.

The thi ating of snow and the few scaly pors of the lake which froze as the cold d was blowing little ripples across thater will not be found to-day. The shar ides of the hundreds of skaters on the lyesterday and last night cut away th low and rough places. "As smooth mirror" is the accepted way of expressing it when one wants to say that the ice is at its best for skating.

Skaters may not find the ice quite so smooth as a mirror to-day, but they will find it smoother and more even than they have ever enjoyed in St. Louis before.

The word of old-timers who were darting over the lake yesterday is given for that assertion.

"I have been skating on the ponds around St. Louis since I was a kid, and I never found the ice anywhere as fine as it is here this freeze up," said one of them. He was a tall, muscular fellow, with a drooping red mustache like a captain of Hussars. His experience as a skater around St. Louis must cover at least twenty years.

The ice was firm enough Friday for skating, but Park Keeper Kopplin was taking no chances, and he allowed no one on the lake. One of his most effective methods of keeping the lake clear of skaters is to keep secret the fact that the lake is frozen. St. Louis has no appropriation for a special park police service like Chicago and New York, and if the boys were to make up their minds to skate in Forest Park they would probably do so, defying the occasional mounted officers who tried to drive them off the ice.

When Kopplin left his cottage early yesterday morning and visited the lake he at once made up his mind that the park would soon be swarming with skaters, whether the ice was safe or not, so he called a couple of park watchmen, and with Herman Leveling, who assists at the skate and strap stand in the boat house, they went to the west end of the lake with ice saws. They cut away the ice at several points, taking out large squares. The ice was of uniform thickness, three and a half inches, which is strong enough to bear as many persons as can crowd upon it.

"Let the boys come on," were Kopplin's orders. "This is a school holiday and there'll be a crowd."

So Leveling, the skate man, went to the boat-house and greased up the skates which are kept for rent, got out an emery wheel to do odd jobs of sharpening and displayed the straps he has for sale. A fire was built in the roomy house on the border of the lake, which serves in summer for a refectory, and before the stove was hot the advance guard of the skaters hove in sight.

The coming of the advance guard in itself was unusual. The peculiar brand of snow which Dr. Frankenfield dashed over St. Louis Thursday evening has a top coat of ice, smooth and firm almost as the ice on the lake. The youngsters who moved on Forest Park strapped their skates on in the street cars and coasted from the different car pavilions over the icy-topped lawns down the hills to the Post-Dispatch Lake. When they got tired and started for home they skated up-hill back to the cars. A little fatiguing, to be sure, but lots of fun.

By noon there were 200 skaters on the Post-Dispatch Lake, which Park Keeper Kopplin considered a large number, considering that there is no "red ball" to hoist to let the people know the ice is safe and that none of the street car lines carried signs. But the news spread without any official aid, and by 3 o'clock the lake was alive with men and women and boys and girls.

The Post-Dispatch Lake is long and wide, and the 500 skaters had ample room in which to cut figure eights, spread the eagle, do the Dutch roll and walk the grape vine twist. The number of skaters yesterday will probably be multiplied by five to-day, and then, if the lake becomes too crowded, there will be Sylan Lake and the little pond near the Post-Dispatch Lake, reserved for the overflow of pleasure seekers.

By 6 o'clock last evening many of the skaters had gone home, but the lake was by no means deserted. Two hours later the crowd began to swell again, and until 11 o'clock fully 200 men and women skimmed over the ice and put in the best evening's sport they've enjoyed in many a day. The electric lights around the lake were turned on, and, with a few additional lanterns, strung around the banks, the absence of the moon was not thought of.

No private fires are allowed on the banks of the lake, but the stoves in the boat-house and summer refectory will be kept red hot for the comfort of the skaters. There will be skates of all sizes for rent at 25 cents for the afternoon.

The gaiety of the scene yesterday was increased by the number of sleighing parties through the park. Single cutters, and large two-horse family sleighs were out by the scores, and the roadway fringing the south bank of the lake was a rich picture always in motion.

One trap as surprisingly got up as it was diminutive gave the skaters no end of fun. The rig was a bob-sled, on top of which was fastened a child's red chair. Th owner and driver was a Lord Fauntleroy looking youngster and his roadster was a well-groomed Shetland pony no bigger than a calf. The pony was hitched to the sled with small ropes which served as braces, but there were no shafts.

Little Lord Fauntleroy drove on the lake to speak to a chum, and some other youngster who couldn't resist the chance for fun spanked Little Lord Fauntleroy's pony with a hockey stick. The pony struck out across the ice with the sled and its driver swinging along behind like the stick to a skyrocket.

Every time the pony turned he ran into a new bunch of little scamps who waved coats in his face and yelled into his ears, speeding him off in another direction. Lord Fauntleroy held on in his chair as helpless as John Gilpin. He couldn't stop the Shetland as he had no shafts.

He at last tried to use his heels as a brake. He dug them into the ice. He was picked up a dozen yards away on the bank while the pony was captured at the extreme west end of the lake.

Little Lord Fauntleroy was not hurt, but was badly frightened. It was bitter and livelier than a rabbit hunt in deep snow for the other little boys who were not able to afford bob-sleds and Shetland ponies.

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Gas—3 burners, worth $3.00, for	$2.00
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Oil—2 burners, worth $8.00, for	$5.98
Oil—3 burners, worth $10.50, for	$8.48
Oil—4 burners, worth $13.00, for	$10.25

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ABOUT TOWN.

ENTERPRISE MINING REALTY CO.—The Enterprise Mining Realty Co. filed articles of incorporation Saturday. Three hundred shares, representing $30,000 capital stock, are held by William C. Wrisberg, Robert H. Connell, Charles J. Moser, Robert M. Noonan and C. W. S. Cobb.

DANIEL'S OTHER MONEY POCKET.—Jesse Daniel has several pockets. In each was part of his money when he started for his home at 1508 Carr street. In one pocket was $100. Robbers who attacked him felt in another pocket and extracted $8. They were satisfied and so was Daniel.

DR. DUCKER HAS MENINGITIS.—Dr. J. O. Ducker, charged with conspiring to have vitrol thrown on his wife, is suffering with meningitis at the Baptist Sanitarium. He is neither better nor worse, and won't be fit for trial for a long time if he lives at all. His mind wanders.

MOTOR CAR ON FIRE.—John Tierney, motorman, 2512 St. Louis avenue, heard a cry of fire. It came from motor car No. 3 of the Mound City Line. He gave aid. Mail sacks were burned, but not the car. Pat Corby, 2567 North Market, gave aid, too. An electric heater caused the fire.

IDA S. FORMAN'S DIVORCE PETITION.—Ida S. Forman filed a petition for divorce from David H. Forman, alleging habitual drunkenness and cruelty. The couple were married in St. Charles, March 3, 1891, and separated Feb. 11, 1892. The plaintiff asks the restoration of her maiden name, Ida S. Wray.

BURNED BY STREET CAR STOVE.

Mr. Grote Was Jolted Against It and Cooked His Face.

George H. Grote sat comfortably in Broadway car No. 230 reading a paper yesterday afternoon. Suddenly the car jolted and Grote's head struck the stove.

He was burned about the face and head. Dr. Randall of the North End Dispensary dressed his injuries and said they were not serious.

Valuable Zinc Strike.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CARTHAGE, Mo., Dec. 18.—A fine body of zinc ore was to-day discovered at a depth of fifty-three feet on the farm of Wm. H. Black, five miles southeast of Carthage. The location is beyond what has always been supposed to be the mineral belt, and there is much excitement over the strike.

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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

Christmas is in the air. It fills the stores where vast throngs of shoppers and sight-seers revel in the beautiful displays of the merchants.

There is heavy Christmas buying. Thousands of dollars are being expended in presents and supplies to make the Christmas season merry. It is right that it should be so. It is good to put away care and join in the pleasant task of contributing to the happiness of mankind and to the mutual exchange of tokens of good will and affection.

But there is another side to the picture. The Post-Dispatch described the procession of miserables who live on the crumbs of charity. For them there is no good cheer, no means of comfort except that provided by the benevolence of others.

These unfortunates should be kept in mind. Good will expressed by kindly deeds should not be confined to the circle of home and intimate friends. In the scope of love bounded by the founder of Christianity all men are brothers, all women are sisters. All children are the wards of love.

The charitable organizations should have an abundance for the destitute. No man, woman or child should be turned from the Christmas dinner which the Salvation Army, with the aid of the Post-Dispatch, will spread for the hungry. A small sum will make some homeless and hungry unfortunate happy. It will make your Christmas happier.

What will you give?

Chief Deputy Marshall Smith says that the selection in the pool-room cases of jurors whose business interests were connected with the pool-rooms, was an accident. This is the kind of accident that ought never to happen.

WHAT IT MEANS.

Quoting in full the Post-Dispatch's editorial on "The Steel Barge Line," the Quincy (Ill.) Journal added the following comment:

This barge line is of vital consequence to the cities lying on the banks of the Mississippi. We hope to see it go through. No railroad can carry freight as cheaply as a well managed barge line. This is an enterprise in which Quincy is deeply interested.

Not only Quincy but every Mississippi town and the entire Mississippi Valley are interested in the barge line. It means cheaper freight rates and therefore better prices for the grain of the valley. It means new and profitable markets with active competition.

New Orleans as the point of transfer and gulf shipment is as much interested in the line as St. Louis. Trade is dependent upon freight rates. They determine profit or loss to producers. The full use of the river for transportation means an immediate and enormous growth of trade. It means greatly increased prosperity for St. Louis and the Central West.

Hanging and prize fights still draw the American people. We shall start the new century with a civilization still highly imperfect.

THE IMMORTALITY CULT.

The latest cult is the bodily immortality cult. It seems to be an outgrowth or offshoot from Christian Science. Paul Tyner of Denver is one of its leaders, but it has at least one well-written organ, a journal named Freedom, published in Florida. Mr. C. C. Post, a well-known Single Taxer, and the author of "Driven From Sea to Sea," is one of its chief converts.

The members of this cult don't intend to die. They have no regard for posterity or the future of the labor market. They say that if, through Christian Science or mental healing, diseases can be cured and even deformities banished—as they claim—what is to prevent constant health and growth being acquired? They say that the belief in death is a superstition, which we can overthrow as we have done other superstitions and live forever.

The world will gladly give them a chance to prove their faith by keeping alive indefinitely. And as soon as a few of them have done this, it will doubtless become the fashion to ask one's friends of a morning the question: "Have you decided to live forever?" And the man who is sure of his job and has sound teeth and a good digestion will probably answer: "Yes."

During the year ending Oct. 31, the Provident Association relieved 4,494 families, embracing a total of 16,852 persons. For relief work it expended $50,754.50. That more was not expended was not because no more was needed. The need was greater than the relief. But a vast amount of good was done both in the gift of food, fuel and clothing to the helpless and in supplying wage-earning work to those able to work, but out of employment. One of the most beneficial features of the Provident Association's work is the opportunity it offers the self-respecting poor to earn relief by honest labor. But to realize its benevolent purposes and to keep pace with the increasing charitable necessities of this growing city increased funds are required. The need will be greater this winter than ever before.

To meet this growing need the Association has sent to citizens appeals for contributions. The responses should be prompt and liberal. Let each give according to his means.

CORRUPTION'S STENCH.

The beneficiary corporation has found three citizens willing to support its free grab of a perpetual franchise for the Cabanne Place Railway, conveying the right to consolidate with, sell to, or acquire any other railway.

On the other side is the mass of citizens living or interested in the territory to be occupied by the railway. The interests of all citizens are opposed to this robbery of valuable privileges for the present and the future.

Why should the mere greed of a corporation for rich grants have any weight with a Legislature elected to guard public interests? Why should the people have to organize to defeat such a robbery? Whom do the city legislators represent and in whose pay are they?

The fact that the people must fight for their interests against such bare-faced schemes of plunder, not to speak of their success, is an outrage. It is redolent of the stench of corruption and oppression.

It would be many dollars in the pockets of Illinois taxpayers this year if the people were electing United States Senators.

A REFORMED HUMORIST.

Is nothing of the humorist left in Mark Twain but the reputation?

This question is prompted by the fact that Twain has persistently neglected an opportunity for humor. When he saw the riot in the Austrian Reichsrath the genial American straightway wrote an account of it for the Post-Dispatch and an excellent report it was, dramatic and serious. But he has not developed a gleam of humor from the situation.

Twain has carefully refrained from saying that under the rules of the Reichsrath all motions are made with the fist, if there is nothing more effective at hand; or that it is in order when a motion is made by a member to lay the mover under the table; or that a member is permitted to hold the floor until consciousness returns; or that a member who fails to rise to reply to the argument of an opponent, before ten seconds has elapsed, is ruled out of the debate; or that the only point of order recognized is the bayonet point.

Herr Twain might have said a great many things of this kind, but having refrained up to date there is reason to believe that his reform is complete. No unredeemed victim of the humor habit could have exercised so much restraint.

The reason for Russia's protest against the occupation of Port Arthur by Japan is found in Russia's seizure of the Port for her own use. The partition of China is well under way. In view of the task Japan has in hand to prevent the complete mastery of the Orient by Europe, it is folly to talk of her engaging in war with the United States.

Mr. McKinley is no more to be blamed for using the patronage power to influence legislation than any of his predecessors, but it is a vile, dishonest practice and a cheating of the people, who expect the best legislation and not that which is bought with Federal offices.

Why should street car companies which decline to comply with the laws of the State profit by free legislative grants? How in the name of decency can the Lindell, or any other railway company not providing vestibules for its motormen ask for more franchises?

Perhaps the explanation of the Senate's change of view on the subject of Hawaiian annexation, may be found in the statement that the Sugar Trust has appropriated $1,000,000 for the defeat of the treaty.

The Cincinnati coal combine will close five elevators. How we are to have better times under the Dingley law, with competition being cut off both at home and abroad, is an interesting problem.

Foreign retaliation can seriously injure the American shoe business if it is true that 45 per cent of the shoes worn in the British Colonies are imported from the United States.

Bismarck is declining, but so long as Germany has an almighty Emperor whose power and glory shall exist and increase forever and forever, the Empire is safe.

Having no longer the implements nor the strength to cultivate land, the Cuban pacificos are generously allowed by Spain to go on with their farming.

"Who shall be boss?" is now the Republican question in Missouri. Col. Kerens can readily answer the question, "Who is boss?"

Neither the pulpit, the press nor the bar can make street railway grabbing anything but what it is—plain robbery.

Perhaps Mr. McKinley will protect civil service reform as he has protected the Cubans.

Cuba's alarming death rate is not alarming Mr. McKinley.

A Great Newspaper Feat.

From the Odessa (Mo.) Democrat.

The seventy-page Sunday Post-Dispatch was a great newspaper feat and represented an immense amount of money and labor.

Certainly a Blunder.

From the Sedalia (Mo.) Democrat.

When the Democracy points out in most respectful language to Gov. Stephens that he has made a blunder and suggests that he correct it, some of the indiscreet friends of the Governor grow frantic. Why, bless their innocent little souls, the doctrine that "the King can do no wrong" does not apply to this free country of ours. The best way is to frankly point out the blunders of a public official instead of attempting to defend them, and the appointment of Hugh Brady was certainly a blunder.

POST-DISPATCH SNAP SHOTS.

Turkey carved and served on China would be very fattening to the European Christian powers.

It is only in the superb climate of Missouri that rain falls when the mercury is within 10 degrees of zero.

It is 51 years since the first candy factory was opened in St. Louis. It would be interesting to know how many sweet girls have in that time been made sweeter.

The new Paris daily newspaper, which is made entirely by women, abuses everything masculine. Perhaps these ladies have no husbands of their own to scold.

Should any more Arctic explorers visit us we should treat them to a trip on the early-morning street cars. It would remind them of their happy hyperborean hours.

The Lindell's attorney shows how kind the Lindell is toward the toiling masses. After a while it will perhaps give them seats in the cars when they pay a full nickel.

June bugs are being placed on jewelry and perhaps the lightning bug is also made thus ornamental, but it is safe to say that the little bug that "has no friends at all" will never get there.

It is proposed to tax Illinois dogs at their fair cash value. Such a law will doubtless be opposed by huntsmen, but the happy owners of curs will be enabled to add to their stock.

Some scheme by which the slow creep-car could not have the right of way in preference to the prompt car would improve street railway transit. The prompt car, with time to pass, now waits for the creep-car to go by.

Post-Dispatch to the Front.

From the North St. Louis News.

The magnificent increase in circulation of the Sunday Post-Dispatch is one of the marvels of modern journalism. While this growth has been rapid, it is not of the spasmodic or mushroom kind. It was not builded in a day nor without the expenditure of large sums of money and an immense amount of labor. With each successive week the paper has been improved in all its departments, and especially in its news features, until it forced its nose to the front, and is now moving along in a canter beyond the 100,000 mark, and increasing its lead a few thousand with every issue. There is a lesson to be learned from this. It teaches by demonstration that the public is quick to take hold of the new-fangled idea, no matter whether in journalism, the drama or anything else. This age is progressive in grasping at all things that are new. The Post-Dispatch was the first paper in St. Louis to depart from the old or fossiliferous style of journalism in presenting the news. Instead of throwing "the copy" at the printer with a pitchfork and dumping the lines of solid metal into the "forms" as if shot out of a shute, the entire system, both of handling and making-up, has been changed. One other of the morning papers has followed in the wake of the Post-Dispatch, but there is a lack of originality in the work—simply an imitation.

An Unparalleled Growth.

From the Salisbury (Mo.) Democrat.

The Christmas number of the Post-Dispatch was a journalistic jewel and showed what great things a great paper can do with modern printing facilities. It was as rich in special articles as any magazine of the month, and all classes of readers found something interesting in its numerous departments. The Post-Dispatch is one of the greatest papers in the United States, and its increasing circulation and prosperous condition prove the truth of this statement. The criticism which it receives from the State press cannot injure it as long as it shall retain its present merit as a newspaper. During the past three months the Post-Dispatch has contended with a multitude of enemies, but it has, at the same time, enjoyed an unparalleled growth. It is so good and so meritorious that its fate does not hang on criticism.

A Great Newspaper.

From the Peirce City (Mo.) Democrat.

Last Sunday's St. Louis Post-Dispatch was the finest thing in the way of a paper ever issued in this country. It was not only a newspaper, but was an art gallery, a magazine and an advertising emporium combined. The Post-Dispatch is little in nothing, but great in many things and is coming to the front as one of the leading papers of our country, or the world for that matter. It champions the cause of the weak and helpless of the world and defends the rights of the great masses of the people.

Grandest Ever Printed.

From the Aurora (Mo.) Daily News.

The Sunday morning issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch was the grandest paper ever printed west of the Mississippi River. It was a fit memento of the great enterprise of that splendid journal, and will go on record as the most gorgeous edition of a daily paper ever issued in the West. As an illustration of how it was appreciated at Aurora, Mr. Murray, our newsdealer, was compelled to order about 100 extra copies of the edition.

A Democratic Incumbrance.

From the Carrollton (Mo.) Democrat.

The Hon. Hugh Brady of St. Louis, one of Gov. Stephens' appointees, has found the end of his rope. Gov. Stephens should rectify the mistake he made and fire Brady. The Democracy of this State should not be burdened with such an incumbrance.

Our Good New Times.

From the Springfield (Mo.) Republican.

The Post-Dispatch issued an edition of seventy pages Sunday. The Post-Dispatch has good reasons for believing that the good old times in the '70's have returned even under a Republican administration.

Did Herself Proud.

From the New Cambria (Mo.) Independent.

The Post-Dispatch did herself proud on the Christmas issue last Sunday.

POLITICAL FUSION IN MISSOURI FROM THREE STANDPOINTS.

Gov. Stephens' Position Condemned in Unmeasured Terms by Chairman Cook of the State Democratic Committee.

STONE THINKS UNION MAY BE NECESSARY.

"It Is More Than Probable," Writes the Ex-Governor, "That Both Wisdom and Patriotism Will Again Demand a Fusion of Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans."



NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN WILLIAM J. STONE.

Gov. Stephens' interview, in which he declared further fusion between Democrats and Populists out of the question because he considered it impracticable and impossible, has not met with approval by the leaders of his party in Missouri, some of whom are open in their opposition to the Governor's attitude and chagrined at his precipitancy of an issue of party policy which had been left to the future for determination.

Sam B. Cook, Chairman of the State Democratic Committee, is particularly severe in his denunciation of the Governor, while ex-Gov. Stone, member of the National Democratic Committee for Missouri, advises both Cook and Stephens to stop the public discussion and quit scattering seeds of discord.

Ex-Gov. Stone Thinks Fusion May Again Be Necessary.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

You ask my view of fusion between the Democratic and Populist parties. I have no opinion to express. Last Sunday I read an interview, said to have been given out by Governor Stephens, apparently in opposition to fusion. Thursday I read an editorial in the Mexico Intelligencer presumably written by Chairman Cook, which, while not advocating fusion, was a criticism of the Governor's utterances. Until I read the interview and editorial referred to, I was not aware that fusion was a subject of serious discussion in either the Democratic or Populist parties. I do not believe it has been discussed to any considerable extent. How far discussion may be provoked by the Governor's interview and the Chairman's editorial remains to be seen. The less the better.

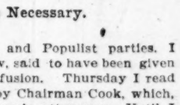
I presume no one imagines that either party contemplates abandoning its organization. On the contrary, everybody supposes that both parties will go on as usual. On some questions, notably the coinage question, the Democrats and Populists are agreed, while on other questions they are not agreed. But because of the very important points of agreement between them the two parties united last year on the Presidential ticket. For the same reason they co-operated in one way or another in many States and Congressional districts; and for the same reason they co-operated again during the present year, notably so in Nebraska and Iowa, where complete fusion was had on the State tickets.

What either party may do in future I can not tell. Of one thing I feel sure, and that is that the battle of 1896 will be fought over again. I am more concerned about that than I am about who shall hold some petty office in Missouri. It is reasonably certain that Republicans and Clevelandites will unite in 1900, as they did in 1896, although I believe a large number who followed Cleveland last year will return to the Democratic party. We may also be absolutely sure that our enemies will do everything possible to prevent a union of the forces opposed to them. It is more than probable that both wisdom and patriotism will again demand a union of Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans in 1900. If our opponents combine, why should not the friends of bimetallism combine? But the combination of parties, however desirable, is a thing always difficult to accomplish. Every experienced man knows how difficult it is to unite forces which in many respects are antagonistic, even though there is every apparent good reason for temporary co-operation. It requires patience, skill and good judgment on the part of all to bring it about. To what extent co-operation may be possible or necessary in future, or to what extent and upon what basis attempted, if at all, is a question of too great importance to be lightly disposed of. I regard it as unwise and extremely impolitic to do any thing now that may increase our difficulties hereafter.

With all due respect to the Governor and the Chairman, I think a newspaper controversy on the subject of fusion ill-advised at this time. Especially is that true if the controversy is to assume a personal phase. I am the friend of both gentleman, and know both as good, loyal Democrats. I expect the difference between them, after all, is more seeming than real. The Governor and Chairman should pull together, not apart. The rank and file will be disappointed if they do not. All of us should pull together and avoid controversies over side issues. We have a fine organization in Missouri, which both Gov. Stephens and Mr. Cook have down much to build up. We are all right in this State if we do not blunder. Blunders are sometimes worse than crimes. It is easier to tear down than to build up.

I am sure it will be better for all if we Democrats will just let other people alone and go earnestly and actively to work organizing our own forces. Let us strengthen our own lines, and let other parties alone for the present, only maintaining amity and good will with our former allies. If Populists and Republicans will do the same the future will take care of itself. I have no doubt all will do what may seem to be for the best when the time for action comes. The proposed discussion is ill-timed and out of place. I move that the debate be closed and the further consideration of the subject postponed.

St. Louis, Mo., December 18, 1897.



Chairman Cook Impales Gov. Stephens.

Chairman Cook is the editor of the Mexico Intelligencer, and the last issue of his newspaper contained a long and caustic impalement of the Governor. Following are some extracts from Mr. Cook's article:

"It will be difficult for most Democrats to comprehend by what sort of reasoning Gov. Stephens reaches the conclusion that fusion in counties, judicial circuits, Congressional and Senatorial districts is proper, but that fusion on the State ticket would be buying the Populists with the Democratic nomination."

"We do not regard as dishonorable the action of the Democratic nominee for Supreme Judge in Nebraska in accepting a place on the State ticket with the Populists and silver Republicans, nor did the Populist and silver Republican nominees sacrifice any principles in accepting positions with the Democratic candidates."

"If this means anything at all it means that when Gov. Stone, in Candidate Stephens' approval, undertook to unite the anti-gold forces in Missouri last year by having a representative Populist placed on the Democratic State ticket he was simply attempting to buy Populist votes. It means that when later the chairman of the Democratic State Committee, with others deeply interested in the success of the State ticket, in the special interest and at the urgent request of Candidate Stephens, endeavored to effect a more perfect union of the silver forces by placing on the Populist nominees on the Democratic State ticket, it was a barter of principle for office."

"Sincere Democrats everywhere will regret that the Governor of leading Democratic State in the Union should unnecessarily antagonize the policy by which Mr. Bryan made his wonderful campaign in 1896 and upon which he will be elected in 1900."

Gov. Stephens Will Fight Fusion.

This is what Gov. Stephens says in a statement put forth by himself:

"None of the Democratic candidates for the gubernatorial nomination would be willing, in order to effect a fusion, to surrender the Democratic nomination for this position, if assured it was in his grasp, to a Populist brother; neither would any of the Democratic candidates for Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney-General, School Commissioner, Railroad Commissioner, Supreme Judge. Then why should we agitate an issue, which on its very face, unless only to plague or embarrass? What is the use, then, in spending our time, which should be devoted to intelligent organization, to doubtful experiments and in sowing seeds of discord? It is a fact, which will admit of no argument or denial, that Democrat will surrender at our State convention an assured nomination, for the sake harmony and Populist votes, to the Populists. Then at a critical moment the populists will find they have been deceived. They will say they were assured of main things; that they had been bunkoed. They will save a right to feel that they have been outraged. It will be passed down the line and trouble in every district the State will follow. It will then be but a few months before election—too late to correct the evil done. The 'Middle-of-the-Roaders' will enjoy the situation and they will say, 'I told you so.' We cannot afford to be dishonest; we cannot afford to be with our friends. If there is to be a misunderstanding, and one is sure to follow since this question has been sprung, it is well to meet it now, and not defer it till it is too late to correct it.

"Fusion, on the State ticket, is out of the question, because it is impracticable, because it cannot be brought about; it is not possible; is not entitled to our consideration, and it is not receiving it from Democrats, Populists or silver Republicans generally. For one of our Missouri politicians, after having made a vass of the State and secured instructions sufficient to guarantee him a Democratic nomination, to surrender his nomination, in a State where nomination means election, it would be an exhibition of self-sacrifice and party devotion unparalleled in the history of Missouri politics."

ILLNESS IS CRITICAL.

MRS. BALLINGTON BOOTH'S SICKNESS DUE TO STRAIN UPON HER NERVOUS SYSTEM.

SHE HAS WORKED TOO HARD.

An Enlarged Artery Near the Heart is the Immediate Cause of the Illness From Which She Suffers

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Ballington Booth's condition continues critical. She is in the Presbyterian Hospital in this city. Her condition is due to overwork and strain upon her nervous system.

At the hospital it was said that Mrs. Booth's illness is due to an enlarged artery near her heart. A consultation of experts will be held to-morrow. It is believed that she will recover, but not for many weeks. Special prayers were offered for her recovery at all meetings of the American Volunteers throughout the country to-day and will be repeated to-morrow.

It was largely through the remarkable personality of Mrs. Ballington Booth that the Salvation Army gained its great hold in the United States. Later it was she who made the American Volunteer movement possible when the rupture between her husband and his father occurred.

She has a following among the wealthy and cultured classes of society such as no other person connected with either movement has, and it was among them that she raised the money to keep the new movement alive.

Mrs. Booth's power in this respect is largely due to her refinement and sweetness of character.

Mrs. Booth is the daughter of a wealthy Church of England clergyman, and was brought up in the most careful manner. In her girlhood she became interested in the religious training of the masses. She became convinced that this could not be thoroughly done through the medium of the rut work of any church.

She then joined the Salvation Army, where she met young Ballington Booth. They married and came to this country to spread the work. When Gen. Booth attempted to supersede her husband with Booth Tucker it was she who counseled revolt, and it was she who made the revolt a success. Mrs. Booth has always been noted for her beauty. She is slightly below the medium height and strikingly brunette. Her face is mobile, changing in concert with every thought, and her voice is silvery sweet in quality.

CHRISTMAS IN LONDON.

Royalty Will Have Plays and the Poor Will Starve, as Usual.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The extraordinarily mild weather continues, to the manifest advantage of London poor. The regular Christmas does not appear so heart rending for them as usual. The shopping streets are bazaar-like, the curbstones being crowded with venders of a wonderful variety of marvelous penny toys.

The court left for Osborne, Isle of Wight, at 10 o'clock yesterday, where there will be larger Christmas parties than usual of the Battenbergs, Connaughts, Lornes and Albanys, though the festival will be of the quietest description.

The only entertainments will be for the children.

The Christmas theatricals at Blenheim will include two plays written for the occasion by Mr. Malcolm, in which the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and Lady Randolph Churchill will have parts.

Lieut. and Mrs. Peary will return to the United States on the steamer Spaule, which sails to-day from Southampton.

The Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Greece, otherwise the Duke and Duchess of Sparta, will soon leave, to be absent for a year.

Prince Constantine is suffering from severe nervous prostration and he and his wife will go to the Riviera and then to Germany and England.

Christmas pantomime will absorb the attention and money of the London theatergoers and theatrical managers throughout England during the next fortnight. In London alone there will be fifty pantomimes staged for the holiday season.

GOING OUT OF BUSINESS.

Home National Bank of Chicago Will Close.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18.—After an existence of twenty-five years the Home National Bank will close its doors at the close of the present year and go into voluntary liquidation. C. K. G. Billings, President of the Chicago Gas Co. and President of the bank, announces that the institution's corporate existence is being ended because of his inability to devote the necessary time to conducting its affairs. The Home National Bank was organized in 1872 and has a capital stock of $250,000.

YOUNG FARMER'S SUICIDE.

Caused by Despondency Over a Love Affair.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

COWGILL, Mo., Dec. 18.—G. B. Thacker, a young farmer, living five miles northeast of this place, killed himself at an early hour this morning, while in a fit of despondency over a love affair. The weapon used was a shotgun, the load from which entered his breast, producing instant death. He was about 25 years of age, a single man and lived with his widowed mother. He had been subjected to attacks of melancholy for several years.

PANAMA DISHONESTY.

REVELATIONS OF BRIBERY MADE IN THE TRIALS GOING ON AT PAR

DEPUTIES WERE PAID MONEY.

Emil Arton Dispensed 2,000,000 Francs in "Acknowlment for Services Rendered."

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The first of eight men charged with complicity the Panama scandals began here to-day. The accused present were Emil Artondre Boyer, representing the Fifth Division of Marseilles in the Chamber of Deputies; Henri Maret, representing the district of Nevers in the Chamber; Aime de Saint Martin, M. Planteau Laisant, Gaillard and Baraud, all former members of the Chamber of Deputies. The defendants were represented by eminent counsel. M. Boyer was charged with having received 6,000 francs. Rigaud and Gaillard were accused of having received 12,000 francs each, Laisant and Planteau were accused of each receiving 30,000 francs, M. Maret was charged with having received 90,000 francs and M. Saint Martin 50,000 francs. Finally M. Naet, who absconded, was accused of having received 100,000 francs. The Judge's examination of the accused lasted all day.

Arton testified that he was appointed agent for the Isthmus in through the influence of Lady Remy, native of the absconding Deputy Nacquinet Deputy Barbe. Arton said he met Count De Lesseps at Panama and the latter expressed regret that opposition of Marbe and Lesguay, members of the Parliamentary Committee having jurisdiction over the Panama Canal, prevented the company from issuing lottery bonds. Arton under a parliamentary campaign and won their support. Barbe promised to control Group, and Nacquet undertook to manage the scheme in the Senate and selected M. Saint Martin to manage the Deputies. In Reinach placed 1,550,000 francs at Arton's disposal, and he eventually dispensed 1,000 francs in all and kept none.

Arton further testified that Baron Nacquet 100,000 francs, but he did having bribed anybody, claiming that he merely gave acknowledgement for fees rendered. The hearing was adjourned until Monday next.

HELP FOR THE KLONDIKE.

Plans and Projects for the Relief Expedition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Secretary Alger is giving much study to the best means of getting in supplies to the miners in the Yukon country and has decided to ask bids for the delivery of stores directly to Dyea, Skaguay or Chilkat. Already a great deal of rivalry has sprung up among the towns on our Pacific coast for the honor of being the shipping point for the stores and the business it will follow, and by requiring bidders to deliver their goods directly in Alaska the War Department will be saved the necessity of making a choice among the towns.

Secretary Alger's estimate is now that no less than 3,000,000 pounds of foodstuffs will be required for the expedition. This makes the transportation problem very serious one. It is estimated that a reindeer cannot be loaded safely with more than 200 pounds, so that no less than a thousand head of these animals would be required as a pack train if they were the sole relief. One question that has engaged the Secretary's attention is that of securing the consent of the Canadian Government to the passage of the relief expeditions over that part of Canada which must necessarily be traversed in reaching the mines.

It will be necessary to obtain a permit for a military expedition to pass and also to secure a remission of duties, if it is to be able that to attain his object in the shortest possible period of time Secretary Alger will go himself to Ottawa in a few days and deal directly with the Canadian authorities instead of relying on the slow moving process of diplomacy.

The following telegrams were received today by the Secretary and by him referred to Gen. Merriam at Portland:

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—Secretary Alger: The Post-Intelligencer and Alaskan news syndicate have made all preparations to send an expedition to Dawson City, leaving Seattle next Tuesday on steamer Corona for Skaguay. It is well equipped with oxen and dogs and will reach Dawson by Feb. 15. It is the pioneer winter expedition and its services are offered to you for reconnoiters and such other purpose as you may be able to suggest.

EDGAR PIPE.

This afternoon Secretary Alger sent a telegram to Gen. Merriam, instructing him to pick out two officers and fifty enlisted men to act as guards for the relief expedition. Capt. Brainard is to detail himself first to superintending the selection of stores, their delivery and proper packing at Dyea for the trip across the mines. Afterwards he may go across with one of the expeditions.

The present idea is that there will be twenty of these parties, and they will be loaded with 20,000 tons of food which Secretary Alger will advertise immediately under condition of delivery at Dyea.

The United States military attache of the Legation at Stockholm has been enabled to purchase the reindeer needed for draft animals and to ship them to Dyea. Kjellmann, chief herder of the Alaska reindeer herd, is now in Lapland, where he has been getting an option on the animals needed.

Foot Caught in a Frog.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 18.—Charles Johnson, switchman in the T. & P. yards, was killed to-day. His foot was caught in a frog, both legs were cut off and his body was frightfully mangled up.



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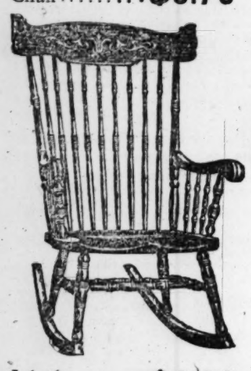
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LIVED ALONE WITH HIS DOG.

Old "Billy" Connors Got Tired and Killed Himself.

THE DOG'S LONELY VIGIL.

PERMITTED NO ONE TO ENTER THE HUT AND HOWLED WITH GRIEF.

THE SUICIDE'S LITTLE GIRL.

Mamie Connors Refuses to Believe That Her Father, the Hermit of Laclede Avenue, Committed Suicide in His Shanty.

Alone in his rude shack overlooking the old Watson quarry at Grand and Laclede avenues, estranged from his family and with no companionship save for his dog, old "Billy" Connors, a hermit for six years, ended a disappointed life of 60 years by sending a bullet into his body.

He was found stiff and cold at 9 o'clock Saturday morning by Jerry Foley, who lives at 3666 Clark avenue. Foley reported his ghastly find to the police and the body was sent to the Morgue.

For more than four years old "Billy" Connors, as he was familiarly known in the neighborhood, had lived in the small hut where he killed himself Friday night. The shanty is only about ten feet long and six feet wide, and was built of odd bits of board and sheets of iron. Connors made a bare living by breaking rocks in the quarry. He was a familiar figure in the neighborhood, but made few friends. He lived alone and resented any intrusion. His constant companion was a mongrel cur, yellow and about two feet tall. The dog is as unsociable as his master was, and was a constant menace to the boys of the neighborhood, whose curiosity prompted them to take a look at the interior of the little hovel.

Saturday, after the body of his dead master had been conveyed to the Morgue, the dog stood guard, and his vicious snarls were sufficient to keep out intruders.

Jerry Foley, who is also employed in the quarry, noted Saturday morning that no smoke was ascending from the hermit's hut. Foley is 60 years old, and he knew more of Connors than any one in the neighborhood. His cottage is at the foot of the hill south of the quarry. He thought the old man might be ill and he climbed the ice-covered hill.

When Foley reached the hut the door was open. The dog was on guard, but in Foley he recognized a friend and allowed him to enter.

As Foley walked in, the tragedy unfolded itself. Lying in the middle of the floor, partly clad, was Connors. At first Foley thought he was ill, and he hastened to his side. One touch of the rigid form told him he was with a corpse. Then he noted a small pool of blood by the dead man's side. It came from a bullet wound in the stomach. By Connors' side, with its handle a few inches from his hand, was a revolver. One chamber was empty. The long barrel had been pressed against the body so that the powder darkened the outside of the nickeled steel. The pressure against his body at the time of firing so muffled the report it was not heard by any one in the neighborhood.

Foley reported the tragedy to the police. The body was sent to the morgue and the hut was locked up. The dog was left alone to guard his dead master's property. All day, and until late last night the faithful brute stood vigil. He allowed no one to come near the place and he howled almost constantly.

Old "Billy" Connors was not always a hermit. Ten years ago he lived on Cardinal avenue and had a happy home, a loving family and a prosperous business. He was a contractor, had several teams and employed men. His home, money and business went years before he did. He was estranged from his family and his widow and two daughters now live at 626 South Garrison avenue.

Nearly ten years ago Connors took to drink. He became neglectful and was often cruel. His wife and children still loved him, but were forced to leave him. He promised to do better, but failed in his good intentions. He drove an ash wagon for awhile. When his last horse died and he was reduced to his last penny he built his rude shack overlooking the quarry and lived by himself. A woman and a little girl sometimes visited him, but their visits were infrequent and people in the neighborhood never knew who they were. They did not suspect they were the wife and daughter who were once so proud of him.

Saturday afternoon a Post-Dispatch reporter called at the home of Mrs. Connors and her two daughters, Hannah, 23 years old, and Mamie, 15 years old. Mamie was alone. She said:

"Papa is not at home. He does not stay home any more, but I cannot talk of that. Why do you ask these questions? I thought you brought news of papa. He lives up on Laclede avenue. I was there and saw him a week ago Sunday. Some day I know he will come back to us. But something tells me that something has happened to him. Tell me what it is and I will go to him. No, do not refuse me. It is best that I should know the worst."

Mrs. Connors was at a neighbor's house. When the news was broken to her she was almost prostrated.

"Oh, what a Christmas this will be for us," she sobbed. "Others have been dreary enough, but none have been like this."

The little woman, bowed with years, sobbed like a child. Between her sobs she told of how happy they had been before their troubles came.

While she was yet talking Mamie rushed into the room.

"What has happened, mother?" she cried in an imperious, but frightened manner. "Has anything happened to papa?" I have a right to know and I will know."

"My child, your poor papa is dead."

Then the grief-stricken mother detailed to the child the manner of her father's death.

The tears sprang to the child's eyes and for a few minutes her grief was uncontrollable. Suddenly drying her tears she exclaimed:

"I will not believe it. My papa did not kill himself. He would not do such a thing. I know that to the world he was only old "Billy" Connors, but to me he was the dearest one on earth. He always loved me and I know he would have come back to us. Where is he now? At the Morgue? I will go for him there and even though he did not return to us in life he shall be with us now that he is dead."

HUT IN WHICH WILLIAM CONNORS WAS FOUND DEAD.



SURPRISED THE TRADE.

DISTILLER "DICK" MONARCH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A PILLAR OF PROSPERITY.

OWNED THREE BIG PLANTS.

Peculiarities of the Owensboro Distiller, Who Failed for $750,000 Because of Short Production.

Those in the trade in St. Louis heard with surprise of the collapse of the Monarch whisky interests at Owensboro, Ky. This failure for $750,000 is the largest in its line since the Newcomb-Buchanan smash-up in Louisville more than a decade ago.

R. Monarch, or as he is generally known, "Dick" Monarch, controlled the Monarch distillery, the Glenmore distillery and the Eagle distillery, located in Daviess County, a few miles from Owensboro. These, with M. P. Mattingly's, W. S. Stone distilleries, are the largest in the Western Kentucky district and the trade of St. Louis is largely supplied from that section.

"Dick" Monarch made a fortune out of his distillery. When his brother, M. V. Monarch, owner of the Glenmore distillery, suspended two years ago, "Dick" Monarch took the plant and manufactured the brand in connection with his own and the Eagle distillery. The last mentioned was formerly the property of T. J. Monarch, another brother, who died a few years ago.

R. Monarch had no distributing agents in St. Louis nor any of the large cities. His business was directly with wholesalers and jobbers. His principal customer in St. Louis was W. H. Lee & Co of 712 Lucas avenue. The suspension was a great surprise to Mr. Lee and other customers in St. Louis.

The general impression among the local dealers is that the failure will hurt the whisky business. During the last year there was an agreement among the Kentucky distillers that only a limited amount of whisky should be made. This was done to consume the supply then on hand and to better the prices by equalizing the supply to the demand. With his three great distilleries idle, or almost idle, Mr. Monarch was not benefited by that agreement and it is thought this had not a little to do with his failure.

It is generally thought here that the failure will be a severe blow to Owensboro. It is a flourishing little city, almost directly south of St. Louis, and within a ten-hours ride. It is in the center of the Western Kentucky whisky and the dark tobacco districts, and, with its neighbor, Henderson, is, population considered, one of the twelve richest towns in the world. English, Scotch and German tobacco buyers and dealers settled in those two towns years ago, and many of them amassed great fortunes. "Dick" Monarch was president of an Owensboro bank and closely identified with all the business and the manufacturing enterprises of the town.

He began in a small way and gradually built up one of the most extensive distilleries in Kentucky. In that State the whisky barons do nothing on a small scale, and for years "Dick" Monarch was the most daring operator of them all. And he taught the other Kentucky distillers a trick or two.

Back of his distillery he cultivated a small farm, and on it grew nothing but corn, one brand at that—a large, rich, deep yellow grain. This corn was not marketed, but distributed as seed to the farmers in the Ohio Valley, from Cloverport to Cairo, on either bank of the Ohio River. He told them the Monarch Distillery was in the market for that kind of corn and no other. The farmers grew the corn and sold it to the distillery, where one kind of grain was exclusively used and a uniform grade of whisky was produced.

Mr. Monarch thought a prophet should have honor in his own country. By a special arrangement the Owensboro saloons sold his whisky at three drinks for a quarter, and every man in the town, except the preachers, got to drinking it. When a man paid a quarter of a dollar down and took a drink he had two more coming to him.

He and his wife are staunch Catholics and the leaders of the followers of that faith in Western Kentucky. They have no children, and were large givers to charity. "Dick" Monarch had many friends in St. Louis, who, when they visited Owensboro, were given a royal time by the Kentucky distiller. His house, a half mile west of Owensboro, is the most palatial in Western Kentucky. It cost $100,000 and half as much more was spent in furnishing it.

GENEROUS CHICAGO DAIRYMAN.

John C. Bowman Sends $25 to the Poor of Capt. Joyce's District.

John C. Bowman, President of the Bowman Dairy Co. of Chicago, has sent $25 to Capt. Joyce to be distributed among the suffering poor in the Fourth District.

"Nowhere in St. Louis," said Capt. Joyce, "is there such extreme poverty as in this district. More than forty persons applied to me for assistance Saturday. The majority of the cases are worthy. Supplies of any kind will be thankfully received, with the assurance that they will be properly distributed."

Retail Clerks' Entertainment.

The South St. Louis Retail Clerks' Association will give an entertainment and hop at Lemp's Park Hall this evening. Well-known vocalists and sketch artists will take part in a lengthy and well-balanced programme.

JUST LIKE THE BANKS.

TRUST COMPANIES PAID DEMAND MONEY ON CHECKS OF DEPOSITORS LAST FRIDAY.

CASHIER THOMSON SWEARS.

So Do the Trust Company Attorneys, to Themselves, When His Testimony Is Finally Given.

Cashier W. H. Thomson of the Boatmen's Bank threw a small bomb among the officials and representatives of the four St. Louis trust companies yesterday.

All day the taking of depositions was continued in the case of the State against the Union Trust, the Lincoln Trust, the Mississippi Valley and St. Louis Trust Companies. In this contention Attorney General Crow is seeking to have the charters of trust companies judicially declared forfeited, holding that they are exceeding the powers vested in them at their incorporation.

The Attorney General charges, and is seeking to prove, that the trust companies do the business of regular banks of deposit and exchange.

By their attorneys the trust companies claim that they are not acting outside their power. They admit that the companies receive deposits for their customers, subject to check, and that they handle exchange, but not for profit, as is generally the case with the banks.

The taking of depositions has been progressing for several days. Trust company officials gave theirs Friday. Saturday bank cashiers were before the Commissioner.

Mr. Thomson was on the stand nearly all day. Saturday. There were a score of lawyers about the tables. Mr. Thomson's testimony backed up the State's charge that the trust companies were doing a banking business, dealing in exchange and receiving demand deposits subject to checks.

He sprang a big surprise upon the trust company's attorneys. He drew a paper from the inside pocket of his faultlessly fitting long-tailed coat. It was a memorandum of every check, with names and amounts of every check that had passed through the Boatmen's Bank, en route to Clearing House Friday. This was to show the trust companies were paying out demand money on the checks of depositors.

Cashier L. A. Battaile of the American Exchange Bank, when asked if he would furnish a list of the checks which passed through his bank, he said he would not without the order of his Board of Directors. C. W. Bergesch, cashier of the Commercial Bank, also testified. Depositions of other bank cashiers will be taken Monday.

The trust company people declare Mr. Thomson should have refused to give the names of customers or the amount of business done by them. Mr. Thomson says he was under oath and was only doing his duty.

Ingalls' Time Payment Plan. Page 23.

Y. M. H. A. ENTERTAINMENT.

Grand Ball at Liederkranz in Aid of a Worthy Cause.

The second entertainment and dance by the Young Men's Hebrew Association of St. Louis will be given to-night at Liederkranz Hall. The proceeds are to be used to improve the educational facilities of the society and to establish a labor bureau.

The programme includes the following: Overture, Prof. Schoen's orchestra; greeting, by President A. Rosenthal; piano quartette, Misses Carolyne Bienenstok, Stella Weiner, Laura Hellman, Adelaide Stern; recitation, Mrs. Ed Longan; violin solo, I. L. Schoen; vocal solo, William J. Frees; comedietta, "Who's to Win Him?" by amateurs of the Columbian Club. Louis Mahler will be master of ceremonies at the dance that will follow.

The entertainment committee consists of Benj. F. Koperlik, chairman; Louis Rosen, David A. Levy, Ben R. Frees and A. H. Bush.

One Fare, Plus $2.00,

The round trip rate for tickets via the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Ry. on sale Dec. 21. Tourist sleeping car berths reserved on application at ticket office, 103 North Broadway.

Sons of Veterans to Entertain.

The fifth annual entertainment and hop under the auspices of Maj. Leo Rassieur Camp, No. 4, Sons of Veterans, will be given at Concordia Hall to-night. The programme embraces a clever sketch by the Winters, descriptive vocalists and illustrators; Miss Blanche Lockett, song and dance artist, and others.

Terrible Volcanic Eruption.

Mount Popocatapetl in Mexico, a volcano which was supposed to be extinct, has broken out again with tenfold violence. Villages in the vicinity have been utterly destroyed and thousands of lives annihilated. There have been no direct advices from the City of Mexico, but private telegrams intimate that the Government is taking active measures for the relief of families made destitute by the appalling catastrophe. Cataclysms of this sort remind us of eruptions of that atrocious endemic, malarial fever, curable by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Though not instantaneously destructive of human life, nevertheless malaria destroys the constitution of hosts of people. For this malady the Bitters is a thorough remedy and sure preventive. Experience has proved this wherever malaria is most virulent—in Mexico, on the Pacific Coast of Guatemala, in the West Indies and South America. Nor is it less efficious in cases of constipation, liver complaint, dyspepsia, kidney and bladder trouble, rheumatism, nervousness and neuralgia.

WELL, YOU CAN'T LOSE COLLIER

Charged With Taking Riley's $60, He Says the Dog Stole It.

William Collier is the most ingenious negro in town. He is locked up at the Fourth District Station charged with stealing a purse containing $60 from Andrew Riley, a saloon keeper at Compton and Easton avenues. Collier denies the charge and gives this explanation of how he came in possession of the money:

"I was sitting in Mr. Riley's saloon when I saw his Newfoundland dog slip behind the counter, leap on the shelf and take what resembled a leather bag. He jumped down again and came over near me. He got on my lap and I fell asleep.

"I did not know a thing until Mr. Riley woke me up, by punching me in the ribs. He called me a thief and accused me of having the pocketbook. I asked him to search me. He did and found the purse in my back pocket. It must have been the dog that put it there."

William's arrest followed the discovery and despite his protests that he is innocent Mr. Riley says he will prosecute.

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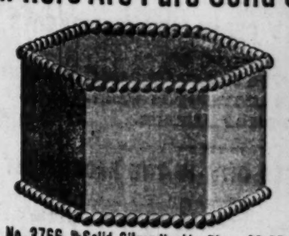
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Per Set of 6.... $5, $5.75, $7, $8.50, $9.75



Solid Silver Golden Rod Coffee Spoon, gilded top... $1.25



Solid Silver Apollo Coffee Spoon . 75c

No. 3642. Strawberry Forks, per set of 6..... $4.75
Our "Watteau" Pattern.



No. 3631. Solid Silver Bonbon Tongs, $1.25 per pair.





No. 3632. Solid Silver Sugar Tongs, per pair..... $1.75

No. 3613. Antoinette Coffee Spoons, per set of 6.... $10.00



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"Watteau" pattern..... $1.75
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Solid Silver Butter Knife, our "Watteau" pattern.... $2.50



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3651. Solid Silver Salt Spoon.. $1.25 Gold Lined.. $1.50



3656. Solid Silver Mustard Spoon, $1.25; Gold Lined, $1.50



Cut Glass Salt or Pepper, solid silver top... $1.25



Cut Glass Salt or Pepper, solid silver top.... $1.00



Solid Silver Handle Nail File..... 40c



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Butler Bros. Will Occupy Ely-Walker's Present Stand—Johnson, Caruthers, Rand & Co. May Take Simon-Gregory's Building.

St. Louis is becoming the world's mart.

Its reputation for fair dealing, for honest-made goods and for rock-bottom prices brings it the trade.

Even Chicago's eyes are open. It fears an exodus of its jobbing houses to its old-time rival in the valley.

The Butler Bros. Dry Goods Co., one of the great wholesale houses in Chicago, will soon remove to St. Louis. The building at present occupied by the Ely-Walker Dry Goods Co. at Eleventh street and Washington avenue has been secured.

The Ely-Walker company will move to its quarters it occupied before the fire about Feb. 1, when the Chicago firm will come to St. Louis.

Butler Bros. are widely known.

The great firm has many branches. It makes a specialty of notions and fancy dry goods.

With a capital stock of $1,000,000 and over $30 employes the new concern will be an invaluable addition to the mercantile interest of St. Louis.

Three of the big wholesale houses here have quit business in the past few years. In no case has the reason been that of poor business. The opportunity for the new firm is therefore apparent.

A well-known dry goods man says Chicago will severely feel the loss of the Butler Bros. establishments.

"The Windy City merchants," said he, "will be almost paralyzed when they learn of it. Chicago has always said that it could put St. Louis in pocket. Now they may sing a different tune.

"I predict that inside of a year three of their biggest dry goods houses will be in St. Louis. We practically control the dry goods trade west of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio Rivers. Our brothers in Chicago know this, but have not as yet quite realized it. It is only recently that we have secured reasonable concessions from the railroads. But with fair rates we can always compete with any market in the country.

"Butler Brothers will bring a good share of prosperity to St. Louis. I understand they employ over 400 men. That means St. Louis will increase her population about 2,000. We will welcome the new firm with open arms."

Johnson, Caruthers, Rand & Co. of Memphis, Tenn., the largest shoe manufacturers in the South, will remove their headquarters to St. Louis about Jan. 1.

Representatives of the firm were here a few days ago looking for a location. This is undecided as yet, but it is thought they will secure the old H. T. Simon-Gregory Building, at Seventh street and Washington avenue.

The company is capitalized at about $750,000 and has several hundred employes. The prestige and advantages attached to the St. Louis shoe market has induced the removal. Members of the firm were in consultation with Isaac Friedman, President of Friedman Bros., Schaefer & Co., relative to selecting a site.

"The new firm comes to St. Louis," said Mr. Friedman, "with the hearty good will of all the local wholesale shoe merchants. We are more than gratified to note that St. Louis is recognized as the leading boot and shoe center of the world. The new firm means keener competition for us, but we are perfectly willing to stand it, and hope other houses will come this way.

"I just heard to-day that the Selz, Schwab Shoe Company of Chicago is talking of coming here. That is the largest house in Chicago. It is incorporated with a capital stock of nearly $2,000,000, and has in its employ over 700 men and women. If the rumor proves to be a fact the Windy City will receive a shock from which it will not soon recover.

St. Louis now controls the bulk of the Shoe trade in the North, South and West. In fact we have already gone into the enemy's country and are receiving a good share of business from the East.

"The words, 'St. Louis-made shoe,' are familiar in all parts of Europe. Here in the United States it is a household word. We have no better railroad facilities than some other cities, but St. Louis has the reputation for turning out superior work, and that's the reason we are pushing ahead.

Two large Quincy (Ill.) concerns are figuring on a transfer of their entire plants to St. Louis.

ANOTHER BIG SHOE FACTORY.

The Tennent-Stribling Company Needs Room for St. Louis Shoes.

The Tennent-Stribling Shoe Company is erecting a large factory at Twenty-third and O'Fallon streets.

The structure will be of brick, seven stories high.

The estimated cost is $60,000.

It will occupy half a city block, and is expected to be completed March 1, 1898. The new building will be used exclusively for the manufacture of fancy shoes.

A force of about 100 men and fifty girls will be employed. Mr. Stribling says the new addition has long been needed. The output, he thinks, will be about 2,000 shoes a day.

"The demand for St. Louis made shoes," said he, "is unparalleled. We have received countless orders from hitherto unheard of sources. I do not think any two cities in the United States can now compete with St. Louis."

THE GREAT HUXLEY.

What Huxley, the Great English Scientist, Considered the Best Start in Life.

The great English scientist, Huxley, said the best start in life is a sound stomach. Weak stomachs fail to digest food properly because they lack the proper quantity of digestive acids (lactic and hydrochloric) and peptogenic products; the most sensible remedy in all cases of indigestion is to take after each meal one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets because they supply in a pleasant, harmless form all the elements that weak stomachs lack.

The regular use of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will cure every form of stomach trouble except cancer of the stomach.

They increase flesh, insure pure blood, strong nerves, a bright eye and clear complexion, because all these result only from wholesome food well digested.

Nearly all druggists sell Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets at 50 cents full sized package.

Send for Free book on Stomach Troubles to Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

THE RECORD'S NOT SIGNED.

Judge Flitcraft Rules Out the Coroner's Books.

SAYS THE LAW IS IGNORED.

WITNESSES NOT REQUIRED TO SUBSCRIBE TO STATEMENTS ACCREDITED TO THEM.

POINT IN THE DE PUE CASE.

The Court Holds That Evidence Before the Coroner Can Be Introduced Only by the Stenographer's Identification of Notes.

Judge Flitcraft ruled yesterday that the records in the Coroner's office have been illegally kept, and that they cannot be admitted by the courts as evidence.

The decision was made during the trial of Charles De Pue for murder.

John M. Rader, Coroner's clerk and custodian of the records, was on the witness stand. The defense wished to have him identify a typewritten copy of the Morris Pletsch inquest. The Circuit Attorney objected and the Court sustained the objection.

Mr. Noland, for the defense, asked the reason.

"Because," said Judge Flitcraft, "the Coroner has not obeyed the law and the witnesses have not signed the record."

"Then what is my recourse?" asked Mr. Noland.

"To produce in court the stenographer who took the testimony and transcribed the notes and have him identify the record."

"Then do I understand the court to hold that all these records in the Coroner's office are valueless; that they cannot be proven unless the stenographer who transcribed them can be produced; and that in the case of the stenographer's death or absence they cannot be used in evidence?"

"Yes, sir," said Judge Flitcraft. "Three weeks ago I called the Coroner's attention to the illegality of his records and I now repeat the assertion."

The Judge then read section 2,451 of the Missouri Statutes as follows:

Evidence to be reduced to writing—The evidence of such witnesses shall be taken down in writing and subscribed by them, and if it relate to the trial of any person concerned in the death, then the Coroner shall bind such witnesses, by recognizance . . . and he shall return to the same court the inquisition, written evidence and recognizance by him taken.

"The Coroner has not complied with this law," continued the Judge, "and the records can not be admitted."

Deputy Coroner Lloyd was asked about the court's ruling last evening.

"It's a surprise to me," he said. "What can we do? Witnesses are questioned in the Coroner's office and their statements are taken down in shorthand. It takes the stenographer several days to transcribe the notes. How can we compel the witnesses to return and sign the record? We cannot hold them and there is no process by which we can summon them again."

"Then the statement that the records are not signed by the witnesses is correct?"

"Yes, in cases where there is a transcript of stenographic notes."

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GAVE HIM A FRIGHT.

Precautions Taken on One of the Czar's Journeys.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—A German railway official, who was an eye witness of the facts, tells the correspondent here an unpublished story of the Czar's journey from Darmstadt to Coburg in October last.

Information reached Russia through the secret police of a plot of Nihilists, studying at German universities, to wreck the Czar's train and most extraordinary precautions were taken to protect His Majesty. The train only traveled seventeen to twenty-one kilometres per hour instead of sixty, and the whole trip consumed twelve hours. Twenty Kossacks of the body guard, with rifles and revolvers, constantly patrolled the gangways of the train, and the whole track from Darmstadt to Coburg was guarded by several thousands of German troops under the special command of Russian secret service officers.

Patents Granted.

Higdon, Longan & Higdon, attorneys-at-law and registered solicitors of patents, office Odd Fellows' Building, St. Louis, also Washington, D. C., report the following: Chuck, Le Roy Bartlett, St. Louis; water column, E. D. Cain, Weatherby; electric railway, John R. Farmer, St. Louis; rotary engine, Riley D. Fassett, Harris; car truck, Thomas M. Gallegher, St. Louis; churn, Asa Hazelton, Middletown; bucksaw frame, Edward T. Ladd, Marionville; water gauge, Joseph S. Long, Pursell; door fastener, August H. Wesling, St. Louis.

GREW FROM POLITICS.

A $25,000 Slander Suit Filed in Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 18.—County Judge Charles G. Richle to-day filed a $25,000 damage suit against Edwin B. Green, a well-known drummer for a Main street firm, charging that just prior to the November election Green made certain false, malicious and slanderous utterances concerning him. The suit is the culmination of bad feeling that has existed between certain factions of the Republican party in this city and State.

Pike Criminals Sentenced.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

BOWLING GREEN, Mo., Dec. 18.—In the Pike Circuit Court Andrew Davis was convicted of assault to kill and sentenced to State prison for five years. Frank Williams and Andrew Steel got three years each for burglary.

James K. Hackett Ill.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—James K. Hackett, leading man of the Lyceum Theater and a man of great popularity wherever known, is critically ill. He had a congestive chill on Monday night and has not yet rallied.

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Young Dr. William M. Banks Drunk and Despondent.

WAS ARRESTED FOR STEALING.

SAID TO BE WANTED IN MURPHYSBORO ON A CHARGE OF FORGERY.

CASE OF TOO MUCH WHISKY.

Man in the City Hospital Who Might Have Had a Brilliant Career If He Hadn't Had a Thirst.

Despondency, due to disgrace and drink, caused Dr. William M. Banks, a physician, 26 years old, to attempt to commit suicide in his cell in the holdover of the Four Courts at 7 p. m. yesterday.

He was arrested about three hours before by Detective Rice at Sixth and Pine streets, charged with stealing an overcoat valued at $65 and $20 in cash from Dr. Oatman, Assistant Superintendent of the Female Hospital, Thursday evening.

Banks is also wanted in Murphysboro, Ill., on a charge of forgery. The police were



DR. WILLIAM M. BANKS.

looking for him for several days, his description having been sent to Chief Harrigan by the Murphysboro authorities.

Banks has been in St. Louis about seven weeks on a spree.

When arrested yesterday afternoon he was drunk. On being placed in a cell he threw himself on the bench and was soon in what appeared to be a drunken stupor. About two hours later Zachariah Finney, charged with shoplifting was placed in the same cell. Banks was lying on his back semi-conscious, groaning and breathing heavily. He told Finney that he had taken poison and wanted to die. Finney called the turnkey and told him what Banks had said.

The latter was apparently in great pain. He told the turnkey that he had taken morphine and begged to be allowed to die where he was. When asked where he got the drug and when he took it he showed where he had concealed it in the lining of his trousers and said he took nine grains soon after being placed in the cell.

An ambulance was summoned, which removed Banks to the Dispensary. He was pumped out and sent to the City Hospital in a critical condition.

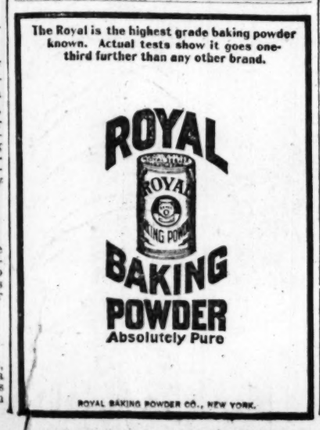
During the last two weeks Banks is said to have borrowed small sums from several of his friends here. Last Thursday he called on Dr. Oatman at the Female Hospital and requested a loan. The doctor received him in his residence, which is in the hospital grounds. Dr. Oatman left the room for a few minutes, and when he returned his overcoat and $20 were missing. So was Banks.

Banks is unmarried. His friends say he had a brilliant future, but drink ruined his prospects.

He did not like to talk about himself after he was locked up in the cells at the hospital. "It worries me to talk," he said. "I never was in Murphysboro, Ill., and know nothing of any forgery there. I have been in St. Louis eight weeks. I have been drunk most of the time, but have periods of sobriety. My home is in Kentucky, but I haven't been there for a long time."

The records at the hospital show that Banks was treated for alcoholism there Sept. 28. His address was then given at 1112 Locust street.

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A St. Louis Transfer Wagon Driven Away by Thieves.

Daring robbers stole three trunks belonging to West End citizens last night.

A wagon belonging to the St. Louis Transfer Co. pulled up in front of 3615 Delmar avenue. The driver lifted off a trunk and carried it into the house. When he came out the wagon was missing. The robbers apparently followed the vehicle with the purpose of taking possession of it as soon as the driver left it unprotected.

The driver notified the police. At a late hour the wagon and trunks were still missing.

WANT A WESTERNER.

Board of Trade Delegates Oppose Judge Paxson's Appointment.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The Western delegates to the Board of Trade Congress have been making a determined effort this week to induce President McKinley not to appoint Judge Paxson of Pennsylvania on the Interstate Commerce Commission, to succeed Wm. R. Morison. A. J. Vanlandingham, a commissioner of the St. Louis Transportation Bureau, has been active in an effort to get a Western man named for the place. To-day he said that the appointment of Paxson would give New York, Vermont and Pennsylvania each a representative on the board, while all the territory west of the Alleghenies and south of the Ohio would have only two, thus giving to the Eastern seaboard a majority. This, the Western men say, would work great injury to the West.

An effort is being made to knock out Paxson's selection on the ground of ineligibility. Section II of act creating commission provides that no man who shall have been connected with a railroad six months prior to his appointment shall be eligible. While Judge Paxson gave up the receivership of the Reading road some time ago it is asserted that he has been connected with the road up to a few months ago.

A RECEIVER APPOINTED.

Action Taken After Assignment by the Berner-Mayer Co.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 18.—The insolvency court has appointed E. K. Wilcox receiver for the Berner-Mayer Co., extensive manufacturers of beer faucets, with branch houses in London, New York, Chicago and other cities. No statement of assets and liabilities has as yet been filed.

The assets of the company are about double the liabilities. The liabilities are $125,000.

The receivership came about through the assignment of the company at a late hour last night. At an early hour this morning the Dime Savings and Banking Co. went into court and asked for an attachment against the company on cognovit otes amounting to $45,000. It was then discovered that the company had made an assignment. The bank then took cognovit judgments for the amount of its claim. Later small suits for various sums aggregating $500 were begun by the Cleveland Telephone Co. and others, in which it was alleged that the assignment was a scheme to defraud creditors, and a receiver was asked for. It was on these petitions that the insolvency judge named the receiver.

WHAT RELATION ARE THEY?

A Man Marries the Daughter of His Sister's Husband.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 18.—A singular coincidence transpired here last night, the like of which was never known in the city before, by which Justice Stader officiated at a double wedding, uniting in marriage with one ceremony, father, daughter, brother and sister.

The contracting parties were William Bevars and Miss Alpha De Bush, and Russell De Bush and Miss Ella Bevars. Miss De Bush is a daughter of Russell De Bush.

THE SAME BIDDERS.

Union Pacific Committee to Buy the Kansas Pacific.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Ex-Gov. Hoadley, special Government counsel in the Pacific Railroad cases, was at the Department of Justice to-day in conference with the Attorney General in regard to Kansas Pacific matters. Although he has not been so informed officially, Gov. Hoadley understands that the Union Pacific reorganization committee already have qualified as a bidder at the coming sale of the Kansas Pacific Road by depositing with the court the required $900,000.

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RELIEF FOR THE KLONDIKE.

Prompt Action Taken by the President and Secretary Alger.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—President McKinley this afternoon signed the joint resolution passed by Congress to-day for the relief of the miners in the Yukon River country. The bill appropriates $200,000, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, in the purchase of relief supplies and for the transportation and distribution of such supplies, provided that, if the consent of the Canadian Government be obtained, the Secretary of War may extend relief into Canadian territory. The resolution provides that the supplies may be sold in that region at such prices as may be fixed by the Secretary of War or donated to those unable to pay for them.

The Secretary of War is authorized to use the United States Army in carrying into effect the provisions of the act, to import reindeer and reindeer drivers for the transportation of supplies, and to adopt such other provisions as are practicable.

Secretary of War Alger will leave for Ottawa to-morrow to confer with the proper officials of the Canadian Government concerning the best methods of transporting supplies to the Klondike sufferers. He will attempt to arrange with the Dominion authorities for co-operation in expediting the progress of the relief expedition which the Government will send through Canadian territory.

CLOSING UP DEALS.

Extensive Improvements by the Burlington at Quincy.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Frances Schley to-day accepted $14,000 from the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, for her three lots at Front and Spring streets, which form part of the site selected by the railway company for its new passenger and freight depot. Mrs. Schley held these lots at $30,000, and the Quincy instituted condemnation proceedings against the property. The case was to come up in the County Court Monday.

The case against Mrs. Margaret Willers' two lots will come up Monday morning. Mrs. Willers holds her lots at $11,600, and the Quincy refuses to give her more than $3,500. These lots are all that the Quincy needs for its extensive improvements here, which will cost over $500,000, and which, when completed, will enable the company to materially shorten its running time between Chicago and Kansas City. So far the Quincy has expended $100,000 for real estate for its new depots.

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Choicest Plum Pudding, any size, per lb.	23
Fine English Fruit Cake, various sizes, per lb	25
Malaga Grapes, sound, fine clusters, per lb	25
Beringer Bros.' California Sherry and Port Wine, bottle	50
California Asparagus, tender, fine flavor, per can	21
Conrad's Monogram Extra Small French Peas, per can	26
Genuine Societe Roquefort Cheese, per lb	41
6-lb box genuine Malaga Raisins	1 63
5-gal keg pure Country Cider, net	1 15

Candy Department Specials:

	Per lb
Finest French Mixed Candy	15c
Conrad's Bitter Sweet Chocolates	45c
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Gum Drops, assorted flavors	10c
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UNREQUITED LOVE AND SUICIDE FOR A MONKEY.

Many Disappointments in Store for Jocko, the Youthful Simian at Forest Park.

The Little Monkey Destined to an Unhappy Life, According to the Lines in His Palm.

Countess Palma Read His Hand Like He Was Folks and It Was Just as Easy.





JOCKO, WHOSE HAND WAS READ.

COUNTESS GUACCIMANI (Palma), the palmist, visited Forest Park Thursday morning, at the request of the Sunday Post-Dispatch, and examined the hand of Jocko, the little monkey who lives there in a state of luxurious ease, in apartments adjoining those of Mr. Jacob Simian and his wife, Lulu. Her observations were made on strictly scientific lines, and many surprising facts were revealed concerning the little animal, who is doomed both to disappointment in love and suicide.

JACOB, Lulu and Jocko were in an animated discussion concerning the relative happiness of married and single life this morning when I visited their cage for the purpose of examining their "hands."

Jacob, Lulu and Jocko are the three interesting little monkeys at Forest Park and are respectively four, three and two years of age.

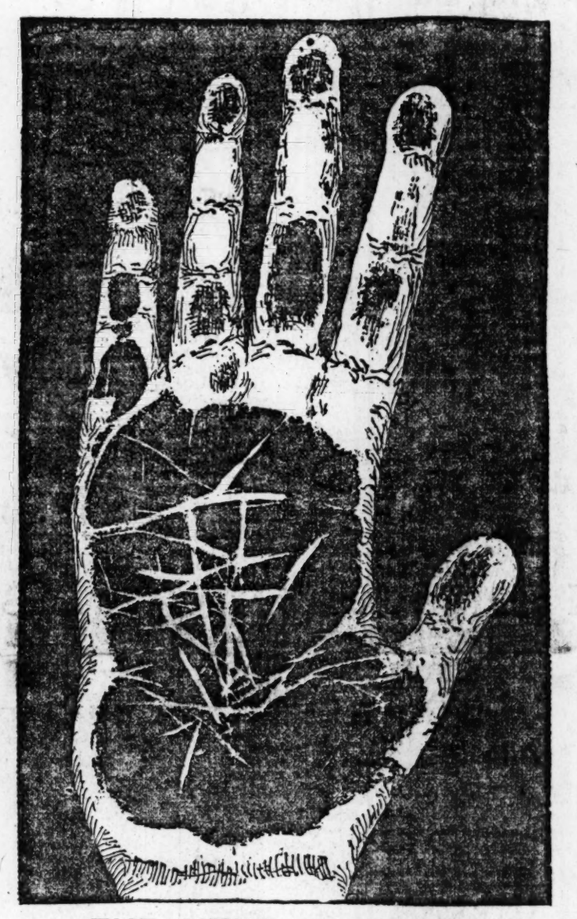
Jacob and Lulu live in marital bliss in one half of the cage and Jocko in lonely bachelorhood in the other half.

Wisely guarding against the position of family friend, which he might become were closer intercourse permitted, Jocko is separated from Jacob and Lulu by a wire partition, through which he may gaze and criticise, mayhap envy, but closer may not come.

This arrangement has also its advantage for Jocko, for when Lulu insists upon her lord surrendering to her the delicious morsels given him by the attendants, Jacob, not daring to turn upon the wife of his bosom, in truly human style, turns his wrath upon his neighbor. Then Jocko blesses the foresight which constructed the wire partition.

My arrival with my assistant diverted the attention of the three from each other to her. Jocko, as are most bachelors, was extremely friendly, but Jacob and Lulu seemed rather to resent the interference and intrusion of a third party upon their domestic privacy.

From a Charcoal impression.



THE HAND OF JOCKO.

Lulu and Jacob were left to their mutual devices as settled, married, and consequently uninteresting subjects, and I turned my attention to the hands of Jocko, who was to me more interesting as having his life all before him.

The slender, delicate hands, well formed, with long, almond-shaped nails, showed the weak constitution inherited by little Jocko and seemed to confirm the opinions of well-known naturalists and men of medicine regarding the predisposition of this Simian product to pulmonary troubles or tuberculosis. The soft palm, with the Mount of Venus overdeveloped in proportion to the development of the other mounts, plainly shows the affectionatae nature of Jocko and his adaptability to kind and systematic training.

The head line, which I found to be well developed, accounted to the initiated for Jocko's unusual intelligence and aptitude, but not enough to cause me to adopt entirely the theory of Mr. Darwin, which argues that there can be or will be formed a missing link between this best low order of development and human beings.

A line found rising from the heart line toward Mercury indicates travel for Jocko and a certain amount of pleasure that he will derive en transit. The line of head, drooping upon the Mount of Luna, will account for certain actions of Jocko, which would lay him open to the criticism of being erratic at times, but I beg that critics will be lenient, as the little creature has been given by nature—not always the kindest of mothers—a thumb deficient in will and logic, so that little Jocko cannot always depend upon his will to support his intelligence, and is at the mercy of his temper and passions.

I predict as full a share of pleasure for Jocko as usually falls to the lot of his kind. His sixth year will be his most eventful period. Previous to that he will pass through several small attachments, but at that time will come a serious, and to Jocko, a fatal fascination.

From lines upon Luna, combined with the sloping head line and the thumb wanting in will power, I do not hesitate in predicting suicide for the little beast. Were these same indications found in the hands of a human being, through being forewarned the critical period might be avoided and the disaster averted. Unfortunately little Jocko can embrace none of these advantages, and must be left to his fate.

PALMA.







COUNTESS GUACCIMANI (PALMA).





AN ALABAMA PREACHER OUTWITTED BY A CLEVER TENNESSEE WOMAN.

Mrs. Robt. Lee Harris, an Evangelist, Preached in Spite of All Protests.

Elder West Opposed Her Course, but Was Powerless to Stop Her Progress.

MILAN, Tenn., Dec. 10, 1897.

Special Correspondence Sunday Post-Dispatch.

MRS. ROBERT LEE HARRIS, female evangelist, and Rev. Anson G. West, Presiding Elder of the North Alabama Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, are engaged in a warfare so bitter that it has attracted national attention. Thus far Mrs. Harris appears to be victorious.

The power of Mrs. Harris over men and women is extraordinary. Her late husband, Rev. Robert Lee Harris, was a Methodist preacher, whose broad mind had exerted a deep influence over the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas, where he had held various charges, and where he was well known. Several years ago he was widely known as "the Cowboy Preacher," on account of the style of his dress. He became dissatisfied with the doctrines of the Methodist Church and founded a Holiness Church, the members of which claimed sanctification on earth.

In parts of Illinois and other States members of the Methodist Church are believers in the doctrine of holiness, which teaches that, through the perfect exercise of faith in God, it is impossible for men to sin; for, if the grace of God is able to preserve them one minute from sin it is able to preserve them the next, and the next, and so on through life.

But the Methodists, as a body, are opposed to the doctrine of holiness; and when the Rev. Mr. Harris opened his church the batteries of all Methodism, particularly in the South, were turned upon him. His opposition was keenly felt, owing to the influence he had previously exercised, and a relentless war of persecution was waged against him.

But the leader of the holiness cause in the South fell a victim to consumption and passed away. The paper which he had published was consolidated with The Vanguard of St. Louis, and Mrs. Harris fell heir to the work of her late husband. He had met in joint debate the foremost leaders of thought in the Methodist and Baptist Churches in the South and had vanquished them all, and she sought to carry on the work which he had commenced so successfully.

For several years Mrs. Harris has been a resident of Milan. Last August she returned to her old home in Alabama for a visit and was entreated to conduct a revival meeting at Landersville. She consented and the result was such a success as had never been heard of before in that section. Reports of the meeting were spread throughout the surrounding counties and Mrs. Harris was prevailed upon to hold meetings at Hatton and Newburg. There again she achieved success in unmeasured terms and hundreds of men and women were guided into better ways of living.

So powerful was the effect of her preaching that she was invited to Hillsboro. After corresponding with the leaders of Methodism at that place she decided to conduct a revival for them.

There the trouble commenced.

"Our town has been spiritually dead for many years; come and help us," wrote influential Methodists. After reaching Hillsboro Mrs. Harris was surprised to learn that the Methodist Church had been selected as the place in which to hold the meeting.

Knowing the vindictive opposition of Methodists to women in the pulpit, she remonstrated. For many years this subject has been agitated in district, State and national conferences of the Methodist Church, but almost without exception it has been voted to exclude women preachers. In most of the Holiness churches, even when allied with Methodism, they are permitted, and are given full right to spread the gospel from their standpoint, but, as a general proposition, Methodists are opposed to female evangelists.

The fears of Mrs. Harris on this score were quieted by Mr. James, one of the stewards of the church at Hillsboro. He, more than any other man, was credited with the foundation and upbuilding of the church, and he opined that his word would have great weight with the officials higher than he.

The meeting was accordingly commenced and its success from the start was the marvel of the town. Presiding Elder West, who resides at Decatur, Ala., heard of it and hastened to the scene. He was horrified. A woman conducting services in one of the churches under his supervision! Immediately he called upon Steward James.

The latter, scenting trouble, communicated with Mrs. Harris and cautioned her not to be alarmed. Mrs. Harris calmly replied that the responsibility rested with him.

The Baptists of Hillsboro, who have been unfriendly with the Methodists for years, begged Mrs. Harris to transfer her meeting to their church. She was surprised at this request, since Baptist opposition to women preachers is even more pronounced than the Methodist brand, but finally consented because their church was more commodious and comfortable than that of the Methodists. The meeting proceeded and the interest was increased a hundred-fold, mainly because of the attendant circumstances. People came from scores of miles around to witness the wonderful spiritual power of the woman preacher. A saloonkeeper of Courtland sent a large sum of money to help defray the expenses of the meeting and finally attended in person, was converted and gave up the business in which he was engaged. Drunkards, gamblers, vagabonds and still other saloonkeepers came under the influence of Mrs. Harris, gave up the past and started life anew. The meeting served as a firebrand in Northern Alabama and attracted the attention of the press and the people in all of the surrounding States.

In the meantime Presiding Elder West was furious. He did everything within his power to stop the meeting and nullify the effects of the activity of Mrs. Harris, but was unsuccessful. His own church was ruptured on account of his violent opposition to her methods and many of those who had been his warmest friends became the most ardent supporters of the female evangelist. So violent became the warfare he waged against her that news of it spread throughout the country. In a sermon delivered recently by Elder West at New Town, Ala., he publicly denounced Mrs. Harris and her methods in a manner that created a sensation and only served to widen the breach between the Elder's supporters and the friends of Mrs. Harris.

"I only did my duty, and am free of mistakes," said Mrs. Harris. "I don't believe in one man controlling a section or a State and I have nothing to fear from the opposition of Elder West or any other man. Male preachers everywhere are fearfully opposed to women evangelists. They want to domineer. I am willing that they should do this, but I will not be driven from my duty. Presiding Elders are afflicted with much vanity. The people where I preached were hungering for spiritual food and I gave them what others denied them. Elder West will have to answer for his bitter words."



MRS. ROBERT LEE HARRIS.



PRESIDING ELDER A. G. WEST.

WOMEN HAVE A SHARE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE OMAHA EXPOSITION.

Missouri Will Be Represented There and a Commission Will Be Appointed.

IMPERIAL Missouri will be represented at the Omaha Exposition, which opens June 1, 1898, and closes Nov. 30. The State has not yet taken official action to this end, but the expenses of an exhibit have been guaranteed by the Business Men's League, the Furniture Board of Trade and other representative commercial organizations of St. Louis. Gov. Stephens has expressed his willingness to appoint a commission to look after the interests of the State in the matter and the names will be made public early in January.

The Exposition grounds will embrace 200 acres and of this number ninety will be devoted to agricultural displays. The main object of the big fair will be to set forth the wonderful agricultural possibilities of the Middle West, but the affair will be made national in scope. The United States Government has given the enterprise its official sanction and has authorized liberal appropriations for buildings and issued a proclamation to all civilized countries calling their attention to the coming fair. It is expected that the representation will be as universal as at the show at Chicago in 1893.

The Exposition is in charge of a corporation styled the Transmississippi and International Exposition, capitalized at $1,000,000. Of this amount the citizens of Omaha subscribed $500,000; the county, $200,000; the State of Nebraska, $100,000, and the United States Government, $300,000. In addition to this, nearly every State west of the Mississippi River has subscribed from $10,000 to $50,000.

Illinois and Wisconsin are the only States east of the Mississippi River represented up to date. Illinois has contributed $50,000, and has a handsome State building in course of construction. It will be 90 by 140 feet, two stories high, surmounted by a dome, the pinnacle of which will be sixty feet from the ground.

The Wisconsin building will be of the Corinthian style of architecture.

Already sixty acres of buildings are in course of construction, and more than 1,000 men are at work daily, hurrying them to completion. The Nebraska building will be ready by the end of this month. The buildings of other States are rapidly assuming form, and by the time spring comes the exposition grounds will present a scene of imposing beauty.

Even now the Administration building is complete, with the exception of a few decorations. The Liberal Arts Building is half done; the Mines and Mining building is well under way; the Manufacturers' building is almost ready for the interior decorations, and the Electricity and Machinery building is up one story.



ALICE E. HITTE — MRS. A. S. CHITTENDEN — Mrs. JENNIE E. KEYSOE — ANNA FOOS

THE BOARD OF LADY MANAGERS.

Besides these and the various State buildings there will be an Agricultural building—one of the largest—and one each for Fine Arts, Horticulture, Dairy, Apiary, Poultry. The Administration building will be 150 feet high. The Arch of States will be an imposing structure, and the Auditorium will be three stories high, 400 feet long and 200 feet wide.

Colorado's feature will be a crystal cave, occupying 3,000 square feet, resplendent with crystals of dazzling colors. Visitors will be conducted through winding tunnels studded with electric lights, and suddenly ushered into the fairy land within, where a vast and complete collection of the State's mineral resources will be exhibited. In the center of this enchanted chamber a magnificent fountain will discharge copious streams of mineral waters found only in Colorado. Strains of music will issue constantly from the cavernous depths of the various alcoves.

Another stellar attraction of the concession department will be an artificial floating island, bearing an elaborate reproduction of a Turkish harem. Visitors will be ushered into a car, which will plunge suddenly beneath the surface of the water to a depth of thirty feet. During the descent the occupants will be given a submarine view of plant and fish life through the glass sides of the car. The bottom of the lake will be a glittering grotto, in which will be seen the most beautiful of the Sultan's favorites. The whole will be illuminated by a system of submarine electric lights. The lake will be bordered with palm trees.

Niagara Falls will be reproduced by California wine-makers with 100,000 gallons of native wine, wildly sweeping over a precipitous cliff to the foot of the cascade, where, by means of hidden conduits, the wine is turned back, to continue on its ceaseless course.

Prof. Luther Stieringer, who had charge of the electrical machinery at the World's Fair, will have control of the same feature of the Omaha Exposition. There will be displays by Edison, who will be in constant attendance; Trask, Lord Kelvin, Prof. Thomson, Steinmetz, Peabody and other wizards, who will vie with one another in producing electrical effects to puzzle and delight the many thousands who will come and go.

Sherman's Umbrella, a massive piece of mechanism, will be to the Omaha Exposition what the Ferris Wheel was to the World's Fair. Passengers will be elevated 250 feet and whirled around at great speed. At night the tower will be illuminated by a searchlight, that will shed its rays for a distance of 100 miles. The verticle handle of the umbrella will be thirty-five feet high, and made of steel and iron, and anchored in a foundation of stone and iron thirty feet deep and seventy-five feet square. On the sides of the standard, running from the bottom up, will be forty rails forming ten tracks, on which the lower platform will move up and down. On this platform will be a circular platform, on which still another platform will revolve, the latter holding the standard which supports the gigantic arms of the umbrella, each forty feet long. From the ends of the arms will be suspended cars for passengers. The great carriage will be raised and lowered by hydraulic pressure. The invention is intricate, and is quite as marvelous as was the Ferris Wheel.

A London syndicate has secured a concession to exhibit and operate a baby incubator. The invention is designed to assist nature in preserving the lives of newly born infants who are constitutionally weak. The machine to be exhibited is a glass case about two feet square, set in a frame of iron. Inside is a mattress of finely woven wire, on which the infant rests, while the machine causes to circulate around it a current of pure filtered air. The managers expect to show the invention in the process of saving human lives every day during the fair.

Cripple Creek, as it was prior to the fire, will be reproduced as a typical American mining camp.

There will be a shoot-the-chutes, constructed on a scale never before attempted, and there will be hundreds of other smaller concessions, each interesting in its way.

Among them will be a miniature of the Nicaragua Canal, in charge of Major Henry Romey, representing the Chilian Government.

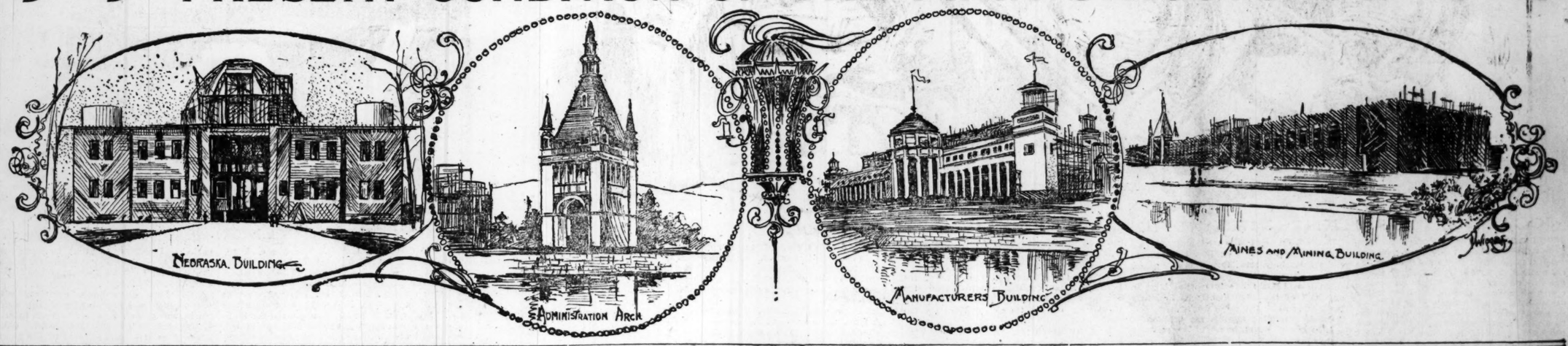
Prominent among the amusement features will be a Midway Plaisance, with its Chinese theater, the Streets of Cairo, the Tyrolean village, the Moorish palace and all the kindred attractions which made the World's Fair famous.

The active management of the Exposition will be vested in a directory of fifty members, with an executive committee of six department managers. Following are the officers of the Transmississippi and International Exposition, all of Omaha: G. W. Wattles, President; Alvin Saunders, resident Vice-President; Herman Kountz, Treasurer; John A. Wakefield, Secretary; C. S. Montgomery, General Counsel; Z. T. Lindsay, Edward Rosewater, F. P. Kirkendall, E. W. Bruce, A. L. Reed and W. N. Babcock, executive committee.

Associated with them will be a board of lady managers, who will have charge of the educational and art features of the Exposition, and will have much to say concerning the selection of music and musicians for the daily concerts. Prominent among the members of this board are Mrs. O. L. Chittenden, Mrs. Jennie E. Keysor, Miss Alice E. Hitte and Miss Annie Foos. With them are associated fifty other ladies of Omaha and a dozen from the State at large, all of whom were elected at a mass meeting held several weeks ago. They have opened headquarters and are making vigorous efforts to make their influence felt. One pleasing feature of their work is the absence of the squabbling and bickering which characterized the organization of the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair.

Sixty Acres of Buildings Now in Course of Erection and More Are Projected.

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE MAIN STRUCTURES.



Beware of Pickpockets Among Christmas Shoppers---*By Chief of Detectives Desmond.*



THE PAPER TRICK.

TO USE the vernacular of the thief, pickpockets usually find the "graft" "dead easy" among Christmas shoppers. During the few weeks preceding the holidays the big stores are thronged from morning till night with a surging mass of humanity, each intent upon the same purpose, viz.: buying tokens of love and remembrance for relatives and friends. So dense is the crowd and so intent are the minds of the shoppers on their intended purchases that little or no caution is exercised by the majority in protecting themselves against the light-fingered gentry. If they are rudely jostled in a crowd they look about inquiringly and readily accept the polite apology offered by the offender. Later they discover that their watch or purse is missing and they wonder how and when it was stolen.

In order to protect people as far as possible from the depredations of these thieves, I have instructed my men to pay special attention to the big stores during the holiday trade.

We have scarcely any good pickpockets among our local thieves, but we never can tell when a good mob of foreign crooks will pay us a visit so we have to be constantly on the alert. Some of these men are so expert that they can get a pocket book, watch or stud from a man in a crowd without his knowledge, as easily as one could brush a speck of dust off of his neighbor's coat. If they would devote half the time and energy to some legitimate calling that they do to perfecting themselves in stealing, they would make an honorable name and fortune.



THE KNIFE RING'S USE.

Pickpockets who are up in their business usually work in crowds of from three to six, although I have known some to do very clever work single-handed.

Women are usually considered the easiest "marks," and the thieves adopt different tricks to accomplish their purpose. In going into a crowd they will "split out," that is to say, separate, and circle around on the outside, "fanning" their prospective victims. By "fanning" I mean they feel around the dresses of the women until they locate her purse in her pocket. Then the one who has located the pocketbook will signal his "pals," and they will follow the woman into the crowd, and get her wedged in between them. It is an easy matter then for one of them to get her purse. If the victims happen to detect him in the act he will quickly pass the purse to one of his confederates, who escapes with it. If she holds the man she thinks has taken her purse he indignantly denies her accusation, and willingly offers to be searched. Of course her purse is not found on him.

The impossibility of a man finding the pocket in a woman's dress has long been a standing joke, but it does not take a smart pickpocket long to find it.

Women as a rule are so careless that it is a mystery to me more of them are not robbed. They go into crowded stores and into crowded street cars with their purses sticking out of their jacket pockets, in plain view, or with well-filled pulses dangling from their belts. Valuable watches are worn lightly pinned on the outside of their dresses. It is pure good luck, not good management, that retains them their valuables. Then again they will go into a store and, taking a seat at the counter, lay their pocketbook down beside them. They will turn their head to look at a piece of goods and often move away from their purse several feet. When they look for it it is gone. Such women can only blame themselves, as it would take a special detective for every such woman to protect her.



SCREENED BY AN OVERCOAT.

Another favorite method of the pickpocket is to have a woman with a baby in her arms to act as a "stall." The thief picks out his victim in the crowd and the woman presses up against the latter so that the baby obstructs his vision to a great extent. The thief then presses close to him and quickly relieves him of his stud, watch or money.

"Stone-getters" or diamond thieves are considered the highest class of pickpockets and it is surprising the dexterity that characterizes their operations. In getting off a stud the thief reaches around the stone as far as possible and then gives it one quick backward twist. If it is not securely fastened from behind, it is gone. The best way to fasten a stud is to tie a small rubber band behind it, between the screw and the shirt or tie. Even then it is not safe, as some diamond thieves work exclusively with "nippers."

Diamond nippers are a small pair of pincers, fashioned like a bullet mold. They are small enough to be concealed in the palm of the hand. The thief will stand in front of his victim in a crowded street car or elevator and obstruct his vision with a newspaper, which he holds in one hand and pretends to be reading. With the other hand he will slip the nippers over the stud and snip it off in a twinkling, the stone remaining in the bowl of the nippers. The same tactics about obstructing a man's vision are resorted to in getting his watch or locket. These are usually twisted off the chain.

One of the most novel tricks I ever knew to be adopted by pickpockets was worked by a gang in Chicago a few years ago with great success. The gang was headed by a thief known as "Sheeny Sam." They were all clever at the business and they figured that a man who was in a crowd with money in his pocket would be apt to keep his hand on his roll to protect it. They would circle around until they found a man with his hands thrust deep in his pockets. Then they would close in around him. One of their number would then jab him in the back with a needle. Up would go the victim's hands with an exclamation of pain and surprise. All thought of his money fled for the time being and when he looked for it again it was gone.



A PIN IN THE BACK.

Sometimes pickpockets resort to cutting men's coats or vests in order to get pocketbooks contained in inside pockets. They "fan" their victim and locate the purse in an inside pocket of his coat. If the coat is buttoned they edge up alongside of him and draw the keen edge of a knife or razor across it and the purse drops into their hands. Several years ago a pickpocket was brought in here who had the best device I ever saw for cutting a coat. It was a very heavy plain band gold ring, which he wore on the third finger of his left hand. By touching a spring in the inner face of the ring with his thumb a knife, as sharp as a razor, would shoot out for about a quarter of an inch. With this he could slit a coat or vest easily



USING DIAMOND NIPPERS.

Another trick I have known of pickpockets using to good advantage when they have spotted a man in a crowd with his hands in his pocket is for one of the party to get behind him and tilt his hat forward. Up goes the victim's hands to catch his hat, and before he has time to settle it back in place his money is gone.

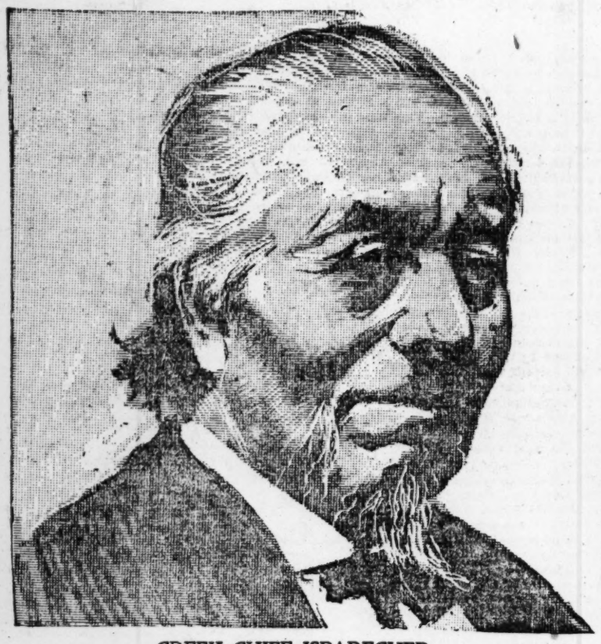
Pickpockets who work single-handed often carry an overcoat on their left arm, which they hold up against a man they intend to rob.

Then will then sneak their other hand under the coat and take his watch or money unnoticed.

The best advice I can give people to guard against being robbed in a crowd is to carry their money and valuables in a safe place and to be constantly on the alert and suspicious of every stranger who crowds against them.

WILLIAM DESMOND,
Chief of Detectives.

A NEW MOSES WILL LEAD FIVE NATIONS TO NEW LANDS.



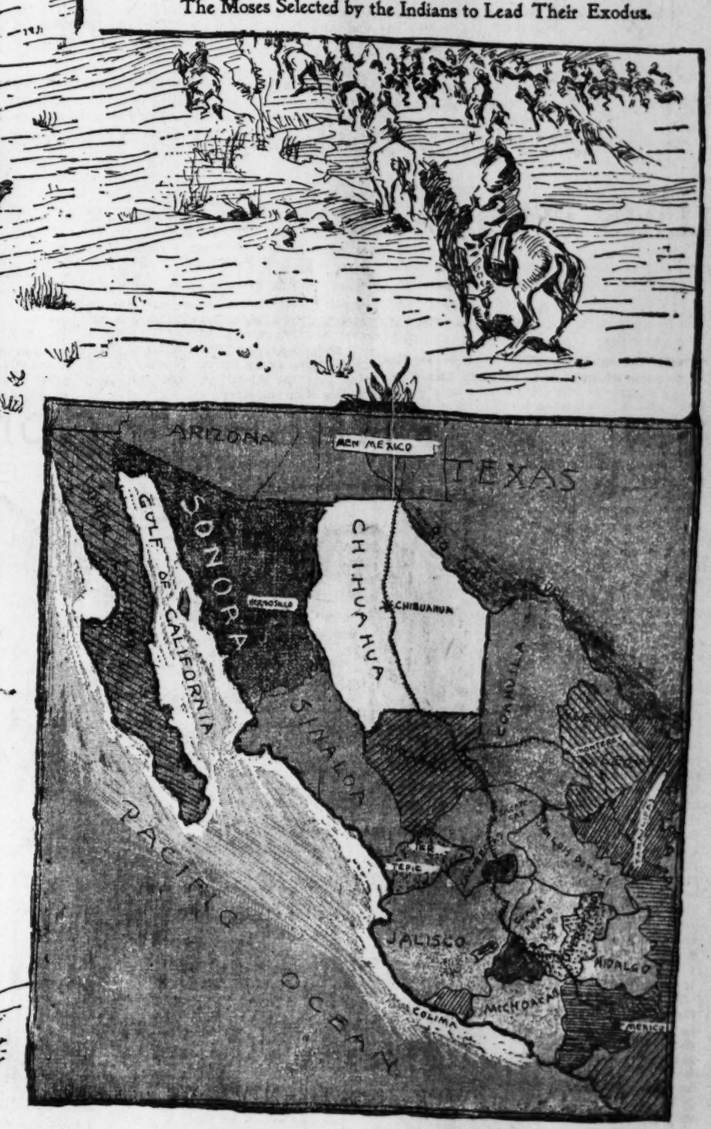
CREEK CHIEF ISPARECHER,
Leader of the Fight Against White Aggression.

INDIANS PREPARING FOR THEIR EXODUS TO MEXICO





DEW M. WISDOM,
The Moses Selected by the Indians to Lead Their Exodus.



"If their tribal government is overthrown, they will go to the new land of promise. In Chihuahua they will make a last stand for the retention of their tribal customs and form a government and the preservation of their racial existence. The government is calling them out of their isolation, and away from their camp fires and their traditional idols. If they do not come they will be driven. Their tribal life must be offered up as a sacrifice to progress."

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MUSCOGEE, I. T., Dec. 17.
Special Correspondence of the Post-Dispatch.

DEW M. WISDOM will be the Moses who will lead the five tribes of Indians out of the Territory to the land of promise in Mexico.

He is the United States Agent for the Five Tribes at Muscogee. Representatives of the tribes met at Eufala and after deciding to go called him to lead them. He said he would. The exodus will take place as soon as the location is selected.

Wisdom is a Tennessean, and saw service in the late war on the Confederate side. He was wounded twice in the battle of Belmont. "If my career as a soldier or civilian entitles me to leadership of an Indian exodus to Mexico," he says, "the discovery of the fact is due to my friends. I am not aware myself that I have ever done anything that entitles me to such unmerited promotion or distinction.

"But it is a fact that the desire to emigrate is intense among the Indians. It seems settled that, if their tribal autonomy is broken up, either by an agreement with the Dawes Commission or by an act of Congress, they will leave this country and found a new State in Mexico.

"At a late meeting of prominent Choctaws at Antlers, I. T., composed of representative men from every section of the Choctaw Nation, the matter was fully discussed, and six Indians were selected to visit Mexico and select a location for an Indian colony. Millions of acres are offered them by Mexico. There is no doubt that these men are in dead earnest; and, if their tribal government is overthrown, they will go, with many others, to the new land of promise and there settle down in the peaceable enjoyment of their old social and political conditions and customs.

"In Chihuahua they will make a last stand for the retention of their tribal customs and form a government and the preservation of their racial existence.

"Both are threatened by the encroaching whites and the conditions which encompass them in their old home.

"The Government is calling them out of their isolation, and away from their camp fires and their traditional idols. If they do not come they will be driven. Their tribal life must be offered up as a sacrifice on the altar of Progress.

"The Indians fully realize the dangers that confront their tribal autonomy, and are preparing to set their houses in order for the anticipated change, which now seems to be inevitable. They can only sell their lands to one party, and that one party is the United States. They propose to sell their land interests to the United States just as the Cherokees sold what was known as the Cherokee outlet, and divide the proceeds among themselves, per capita, if they choose to take money at all; and, if they do not take money, then take their proportionate share in the allotment of their lands in severalty.

"The full-blooded Indians will emigrate in large numbers, unless they find some other mode of settlement more congenial to their tastes, and more conducive to their future welfare.

"The Indians who constitute the five tribes have been a free people since the days of Columbus; they are proud of their traditions, and are not disposed to pass under the yoke of the white man. They believe that their identity has been preserved by the doctrine of isolation, and they believe, too, that contact with the white man is certain death to them as a people, and that it means the destruction of all their old customs, habits, traditions and laws. They feel now, as I understand it, that they are making their last stand in the Thermopylae of their liberties, and they will not consent to the dismantling of whatever sovereignty they possess without a hard and bitter struggle.

"There is much unrest in the Territory, and the confusion grows apace with each succeeding month. The question of allotment itself, owing to the complex condition of affairs, is a difficult one to solve. I have never yet met a man, either Indian or white, who could devise a plan of allotment equitable and just in all its phases.

"It is an easy matter to allot unimproved lands among wild Indians, but it is quite a different matter to allot improved lands among civilized Indians, especially when the Indians themselves own the improvements, individually. Section 2 of the Cherokee Constitution reads as follows:

> The lands of the Cherokee Nation shall remain common property, but the improvements made thereon, and in the possession of the citizens of the nation, are the exclusive and indefeasible property of the citizens respectively who made or may rightfully be in possession of them.

"There are many other burning questions which must enter into the solution. The town-site question involves the protection of the homes of non-citizens erected in the towns of the Territory in good faith and by permission of the Indian authorities. No allotment can be made with justice to non-citizens unless the town-sites be segregated from the public domain.

"Then there are the valuable coal and oil interests of the Five Tribes. When our mineral or coal lands are taken into consideration in the mode of allotment, the case of equal division becomes hopeless.

"The railroads have secured valuable grants along their lines of lands within the country occupied and owned by the five civilized tribes. When the Indian title is extinguished, it is contended that the right of the railroads will attach. The question is would allotment in severalty to individual Indians extinguish the title? Or, would a sale to the United States extinguish the Indian title?

"All of these questions, being in an unsettled condition, tend to produce unrest and confusion. The failure on the part of the Indians to treat with the Dawes Commission, has added to the perplexities and doubts of the situation.

"I cannot cast the horoscope of the future and predict what it may evolve, but I am sure that the Indian problem is not yet solved, and there is much work and turmoil in store for those who attempt to solve it either now or in the near future."

Bird Harris, a prominent Cherokee Indian, and a brother of C. J. Harris, the late chief of that nation, has written a letter to Rev. D. N. Berryhill of Okmulgee, a citizen of the Creek Nation, his views of the colonization scheme. He says:

"The Government of the United States seems determined that the lands of the Indian nations shall be allotted, the tribal governments be broken up, and the Indians made citizens of the United States.

"Do we desire these changes? Can we, in justice to ourselves, submit to them? Would the condition that the Indian would find himself in, after the accomplishment of these proposed changes, be compatible with his nature? Could he, as an Indian, exist under them?

"To all of these questions I answer, No. Yet I am convinced that such is the fate that awaits us. The Government of the United States has been for many years past gradually withdrawing from these nations the protection that it is, by solemn treaty, bound to give them, till to-day the condition that we find ourselves in clearly shows the end to which it proposes to bring its rewards by such treatment.

"A very large per cent of the better lands of the Cherokee Nation are now held, used and enjoyed by persons possessing no right to them in any sense whatever, and yet the great Government of the United States permits such trespass upon the property of its wards, knowing them to be, in law, powerless to protect themselves. Numerous instances could be cited, showing that the Government had long since withdrawn its protection from these nations, and that it had, in fact, fostered the growth of conditions among us that have acquired such strength as to be able to rise now in our own country and demand our extinction as independent and separate nations, and a change in our whole industrial, political and social system. Do we desire this? I say no. Then for a remedy that will lead us out of it, away from it, and one that promises our preservation as a distinct race of people in the enjoyment of customs, social and political, that have been handed down to us from remote generations of the past.

"My plan is for the Cherokees to sell their entire landed possessions to the United States, divide the proceeds thereof, per capita, then such as desire to do so unite in the formation of an Indian colony, and with their funds jointly purchase in Mexico or South America a body of land sufficient for all their purposes, to be forever their joint home. Let the entire body of Cherokee lands, except town sites and mineral lands, be sold for the sum of $1 per acre. The value of town sites and mineral would, of course, be greater than that sum, but could be easily ascertained.

"I believe also that for such Indians as did not desire to join the colony and leave the country provision should be made for them to repurchase their old homes, or such other lands in the country here as they might desire, and they could remain here and meet such fate as awaits them. I believe this plan presents the most feasible and equitable solution of the questions that we must decide in the very near future, and will prove absolutely just and fair to all classes and conditions of our citizens."

In the near future an international council of the Five Tribes will assemble at Eufaula, in the Creek Nation, to take further and more pronounced steps towards the promotion of the colonization scheme.

MOST VALUABLE HANDKERCHIEF IN THE WORLD OWNED BY HUGH CLEVELAND QUARLES OF NEW YORK.

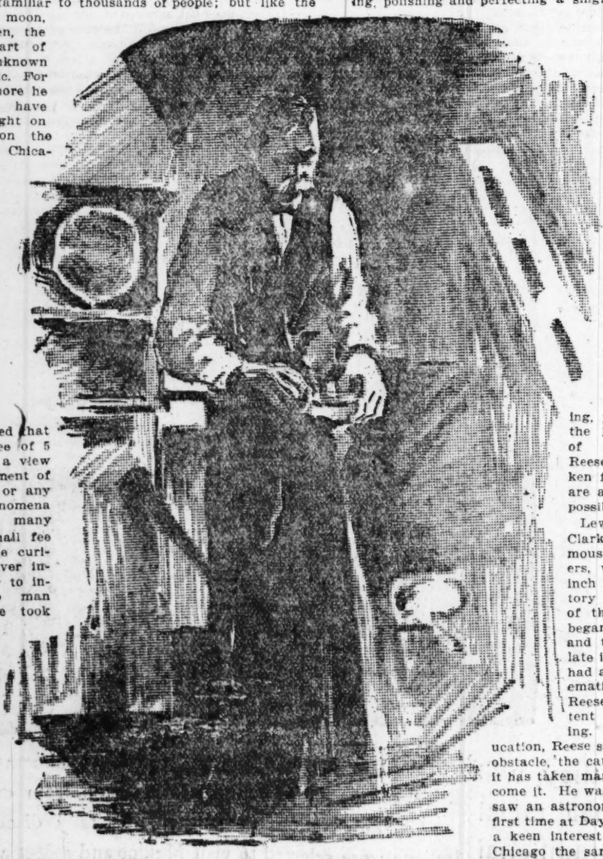
It Bears the Autograph of Many a Famous Actor and It Was in St. Louis That Quarles Secured the Long Sought for and Much Coveted Signature of Olga Nethersole.

THIS is the plain story of a silk handkerchief—the most valuable handkerchief, from a financial point of view, to be found in any country. It is the property of Hugh Cleveland Quarles, a man of cosmopolitan tastes, who is at present living in Harlem. What makes Mr. Quarles's handkerchief valuable is the fact that it is almost covered with the autographs of famous actors. Mr. Quarles object in securing the signatures that crowd his novel autograph album and the methods he employed in obtaining them make an interesting story. Half a dozen years ago he lived in a Western mining town and knew little or nothing of the stage. Having made his "stake" in the mines, he followed the fashion set by lucky miners and came East. His first evening in New York was spent in a Broadway theatre. The players made a profound impression on Quarles, and he became a confirmed theatre-goer. One night he saw Henry Irving, and after the performance met the famous Englishman. A mutual friend told Irving of Quarles's enthusiasm, and the tragedian began to chaff the Westerner about it. "You will be wanting our autographs next, I fancy," said Irving. "A good idea," replied Quarles, "and I'm going to act on it at once. Mr. Irving, you must be the first to sign your name!" "Cheerfully, my friend," answered Irving, "but as you don't happen to have any album handy, the thing is impossible. I am willing to give you the autograph, but"— "Excuses don't go," retorted Quarles; write your name in pencil on this." Then he drew a large white silk handkerchief from his pocket and handed it to "Sir Henry," who laughed and, picking up a pencil, affixed his signature in one corner. On the following day Quarles induced Irving to present him to Ellen Terry. Quarles lost no time in expressing himself to Miss Terry. "You are a very great actress," he said, "and I not only want your autograph, but I want you to embroider both your own name and Mr. Irving's in any color you fancy." Then he handed the handkerchief to the statuesque Terry, who spent an even hour in embroidering her own and Irving's autographs on the handkerchief. Mr. Quarles then settled down to the task of collecting the autographs of all the best-known celebrities. It has taken time, money and a deal of persuasion, but he has been rewarded, for the handkerchief is now a thing of beauty as well as most valuable. Mr Quarles made two trips to Europe during the years he spent in making his collection of names, and on each occasion he secured the autographs of foreign stars of the first magnitude. Of course in securing these names Mr. Quarles went to an almost incredible amount of expense and trouble, not to mention the time, for since he took the idea he has given his life to it. Olga Nethersole gave Quarles trouble before she added her name to the famous group on the handkerchief. He made his first attempt in 1895. Miss Nethersole absolutely refused to sign her name. This was the first refusal Quarles had had, and it nettled him. A few months later he made a second attempt. This time the fair Olga relented somewhat, saying that if he would buy a new handkerchief, so that her name would be the only one on it, she would sign. This Quarles declined to do, and avoided Miss Nethersole for more than a year. One night, in St. Louis, he met her after a performance and again asked her to sign. This time she capitulated, working out her name in purple silk, her favorite color. The signature of many American actors and actresses adorn the handkerchief. Among the famous names are Ada Rehan, Kathryn Kidder, Lillian Russell, Margaret Mather, May Irwin, Amy Leslie, Fanny Davenport, Della Fox, Joseph Jefferson, Roland Reed, Sol Smith Russell, Louis James, Stuart Robson and Melbourne McDowell. Mr. Quarles induced every actress to embroider her name in her favorite color after first tracing it in pencil, and, as a result, the big handkerchief contains about all the colors of the rainbow. Five hundred dollars has been offered to Quarles for his unique "album." He not only refused the offer, but announced that money could not buy it. Among the foreign notables whose names now adorn the handkerchief are Sarah Bernhardt, Emma Calve, Pol Plancon, Henry Irving, Ellen Terry, Edouard de Reszke, E. Duquem, Paderewski, Bram Stoker, John Hare, Chevalier, Rejane and Olga Nethersole. Quarles had a funny experience when he called on Bernhardt in Paris. He knew that she could speak but little English and he no French, but he sent her his card and was ushered into her reception-room. Sarah happened to be at peace with herself and the world that morning. Furthermore, Quarles's letters of introduction were signed by people she knew. So she greeted him with a smile of welcome. Imagine her surprise when she saw him pull out his handkerchief, which then had about forty names on it, and with gesture and broken English try to explain that he wanted her to write her name. The divine Sarah, however, misunderstood Quarles's gestures, while his "dialect" was Greek to her. She decided that he wanted her to buy the handkerchief and started to hand the confused collector a "rouleau," at the same time reaching for the handkerchief. Fortunately, an interpreter was called at that stage of the proceedings and matters were quickly explained. When she understood what was wanted Sarah laughed, and, after scribbling her name in pencil, she embroidered the lines in letters of flaming red.

As persons with diligence necessary to collect another such souvenir are few, Mr. Quarles's treasure will be unique.

LEWIS REESE, A SELF-TAUGHT FAMOUS MAKER OF LENSES.

THE life of Lewis Reese in many respects resembles the moon which he has observed and studied for many years. One side is familiar to thousands of people; but like the dark side of the moon, which is never seen, the most interesting part of this man's life is unknown to the general public. For twenty years or more he and his telescope have been a familiar sight on cloudless nights on the street corners of Chicago's business district. He stands silently by the side of his instrument devoid of every brand and ear-mark of the street faker. He does not "bark" or solicit patronage. Should the sight of the large brass tube of the telescope attract from the passing stream of pedestrians a seeker after curiosity of truth, he is informed that for the nominal fee of 5 cents may be had a view through the instrument of the moon, planets or any astronomical phenomena then visible. In many cases even the small fee is not asked. The curiosity of the observer invariably gives way to interest when the man whom, perhaps, he took for a faker begins to tell him all about the object under observation, whether it be the mountains, craters and fissures of the moon, the satellites of Jupiter, the rings of Saturn, or, if the observer is appreciative, the instrument is directed toward a nebula or double star.



To see the other side of this man's life one must climb the stairs of the tenement house at 1435 State street, almost within the tough district of the Twelfth street viaduct, where, in three small rooms on an upper floor Reese often spends hours, days and months in the laborious and patient work of grinding, polishing and perfecting a single lens.

Years ago, when the Dearborn Observatory had one of the largest telescopes in the world, W. H. Wells, then Superintendent of Chicago schools, in a letter calling the attention of the Institution to Reese, wrote: "He is entirely self-made, and I have watched his progress with special interest. He has instruments on the street, but his works raise him far above the plane of a mere showman." Since this letter was written Reese has attained a perfection in making lenses that has been recognized by educational institutions and laboratories for which he has made telescopes. The number of these is small, because of the length of time required for grinding, polishing and perfecting the lenses, which, regardless of financial remuneration, Reese will not permit to be taken from his hands until they are as nearly perfect as it is possible to make them.

Lewis Reese, like Alvah Clarke, Sr., founder of the famous house of telescope-makers, who made the thirty-six-inch lens of the Lick Observatory and the forty-inch glass of the big Yerkes telescope, began the study of astronomy and the making of telescopes late in life. But Alvah Clarke had a good education in mathematics and science, while Reese had only a few intermittent terms of country schooling. This lack of previous education, Reese says, has been his greatest obstacle, the cause of many failures, and it has taken many years of labor to overcome it. He was already a man when he saw an astronomical telescope for the first time at Dayton, O., in 1872. It aroused a keen interest in him, and, coming to Chicago the same year, he saw another instrument which was being exhibited on the street. Reese was then possessed with a desire to have a telescope of his own, and ordering an object glass finished the instrument.

DENVER SCHOOL FOR POLICEMEN.

Chief Farley Will Tell His Men How to Act in the Face of Danger.

CHIEF OF POLICE FARLEY of Denver says there are officers on the force who do not know the rules of the department, and there is no other way for them to learn except by experience and a schooling. Experience sometimes comes high, and it requires a long time to learn this way, so the Chief is endeavoring to get the board to set aside one day in the week when the men can be drilled and coached in their line of duties.

"What to Do Under Different Circumstances" will be a strong feature of the school he wants to establish, and the officers will be drilled in everything from raiding a newsboys' crap game in an alley to sleuthing on a murder case.

A large number of the officers who are at present on the force are comparatively new in the business, and when a "mix-up" comes they do not know what to do with themselves, and sometimes do things that place the department in disrepute with the general public. Every kind of trouble will be illustrated for the benefit of those who do not know how to handle themselves during excitement, and a great benefit is expected to be the result.

In speaking of the matter Chief Farley said:

"As soon as the board gets through appointing new members to the force, and when everything settles down, I will recommend that the board institute a school where the officers can study the rules governing their position, and be thoroughly drilled. Under my former administration there was such a school and by teaching the men how to perform their duties in this way we succeeded in making some of the best officers in the country out of them. When a new officer is appointed to the force he is usually given his star and key and sent out without any instruction with the exception of how to pull a box, and that is about all he knows for the next three months, and it is about all he does, too.

"One very serious matter that will be thoroughly taught in the school is the justification of shooting by an officer. When a prisoner escapes the character of the man, the crime he committed, and the general surroundings must be taken into consideration before any shooting is done, but everything of this nature will be taught the officers if the board will allow me the school."

BEATRICE TONNESEN MAKES NOVEL ADVERTISING PHOTOGRAPHS.

IF you should see a good-looking, stylishly dressed, business-like young woman critically studying the face and figure of a pretty working girl in a car, or chasing after her on the street, you may be pretty sure you will see that girl before long in some artistic and taking advertisement. For you have caught Miss Beatrice Tonnesen, Chicago's woman photographer, in the act of securing one of the famous "Tonnesen models" that are in demand the country over.

The "Tonnesen model" is the latest thing in the world of negatives and prints, and this young Chicago woman photographer is its originator. It is a living picture scheme adapted to the use of the manufacturer who wishes to advertise his wares in the most artistic and taking manner. For proof of its popularity you have but to notice how rapidly these pictures are taking the place of the old-fashioned advertisements in the magazines and other publications of half-tone reproductions.

Miss Tonnesen's scheme is to supply a picture that will suggest at a glance all the merits of the article in a convincing way. She aims to produce an impression that will be lasting. The manufacturer tells her what he wishes the advertisement to show, and she gets up a picture that will express his idea. Often this is far from easy, but in the end she succeeds and the picture not only tells its story but attracts the eye by its artistic merit.



Considering the eagerness and determination that women have shown to break into nearly all of the professions and occupations, it is surprising that they have been so slow to appreciate the possibilities of professional photography. Much of the work they undertake is better suited to the capabilities of the stronger sex, but photography seems especially adapted to women. It is full of interest. There are possibilities of important discoveries in it. It calls for artistic taste and deft fingers. And it gives a woman a chance, if she chooses, to combine her business and home life—often an important consideration. And this neglect of professional photography is all the more astonishing in view of the fact that there are any number of women amateurs dabbling in the mysteries of camera and dark room. The explanation seems to be, however, that comparatively few of these amateurs get beyond the stage where they are content to "press the button" and allow the professional to "do the rest."

Of the professional women photographers of Chicago Miss Tonnesen is the only one to depart to any great extent from the beaten path. She has shown originality in several directions, and in each case the departure has long ago ceased to be an experiment. Her latest success is the clever scheme of photographic advertising which bears her name. She is the only photographer in this line of work in the United States.

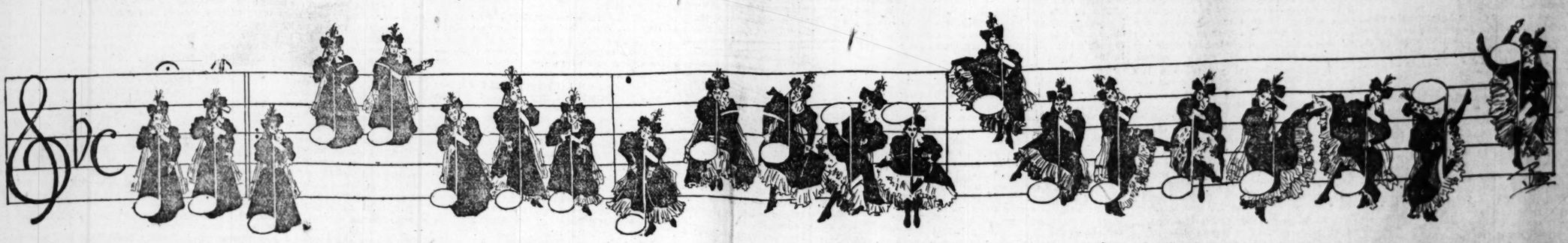
Miss Tonnesen became interested in photography at her home in Oshkosh, Wis., three years ago. She had studied art in a general way for several years, possessed a keen appreciation of an effective pose, and was continually searching the faces of those about her, and she applied to a local photographer for instruction. He taught her all he knew and gave her free access to his studio. She then gained experience by photographing every friend who would sit for her.

The fascination of the work possessed her and she was eager to set up an establishment of her own. She went to Menominee, Mich., arranged a studio, hung out her shingle and commenced work as a professional photographer. Before the end of the first year her ambition had outgrown her surroundings. The little studio in Menominee did not half satisfy her. She yearned for Chicago and a larger establishment.

At this juncture she laid her plans before her sister, Mrs. Clara Tonnesen Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Kirkpatrick is one of those born managers who occasionally give a doubting world a glimpse of the business capabilities of the sex. When her husband died she took hold of his grain commission business and carried it on as successfully as ever. She listened to Miss Tonnesen's plans, saw the possibilities in the Chicago studio and sold out her business. The sisters came to Chicago, secured a two-story and basement house in Michigan avenue and transformed it into a perfectly appointed studio. Here Miss Tonnesen takes pictures and Mrs. Kirkpatrick runs the business end of the establishment.

Miss Tonnesen has a long list of models.

LOTTIE COLLINS HAS RETURNED WITH A NEW CATCHY SONG.



WITH a swish of skirts and a bewildering display of lingerie Lottie Collins danced into the focus of the camera. The occasion warranted some enthusiasm, for the famous danseuse was about to sing her new song, and everybody knows that Miss Collins sings with her feet quite as much as with her voice. And without any preface she began to employ both mediums with a vigor which ought to put all singers to shame.

Waving a tiny jeweled whip Lottie warbled blithely the wonderful tale of the girl from the Ran Dan Dan.

"I was marching when the band began to play," sang Lottie, grasping her skirts, which were a wonderful mingling of black satin, white lace and innumerable yards of ribbon. Inspired by the music her feet flew faster. Into midair flew the right foot as the brisk young woman assured her audience that "the music was more than I can stand."

Shapely limbs and yards of frills now mixed in a maddening whirl as, taking her audience into her confidence, Miss Collins announced that she was "a slippery, winkerty sort of a girl."

There was a transformation when she returned in widow's garb and chanted the song she expects to make her hit with: "I'm a widow, a little widow; I am simple but I'm witty and I'm stylish, gay and pretty; I'm a widow—a charming widow and I won't remain single very long." The verse reminds one of Old Hoss Hoey's "Water is a splendid thing when you want to take a bath, but as for drinking it, I haven't, haven't for a long time now." But Lottie Collins singing the ditty reminds you only of a widow doing the "Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay."

CHICAGO OCULIST READS DEATH IN EYE VEINS

He Has Haunted Morgues Applying His Ophthalmoscope to the Eyes of the Dead, Verifying His Discovery of the One Test Which Shows Death to His Satisfaction.

A TRUE and unfailing test of death; a means by which burial alive may be made an impossibility—it is a thing long sought by scientists and one which a Chicago man believes he has discovered.

Dr. Chalmers Prentice has found how, he says, to read death in the human eye, to tell by the appearance of veins and arteries whether life has departed or a spark yet remains, and to tell it with absolute certainty.

For centuries man has been haunted with the fear that he will wake up in the tomb to a realizing sense of his awful position.

This fear was always present with the late Emma Abbott, and the will of the prima donna directed that a dagger be plunged into her heart as soon as the attending physician should be satisfied that she was no more.

In Germany, and in some other European countries, the expedient has been hit upon of connecting a finger of the dead with a string that is brought to the surface and attached to a bell. A watchman is always near, and is charged with instantly exhuming the body should the bell ring. While this is all right in theory, in practice, so far as can be learned, it has never saved a life.

In this country, and in France and England, a plan has been adopted that is more rational, although barbarous in the extreme. It is to provide mortuary chambers where the bodies of the recently deceased are kept for a certain time, or until all possibility of revival is past. But it has been objected that this method is inhuman, since a person, if only in a trance, would in all probability be killed without recovering consciousness, owing to the chill and damp of the surroundings. And then, even should the unfortunate man or woman survive these conditions and come to life, the horror of the situation would be sufficient to dethrone reason, if not to kill with shock.

A French scientist recently suggested that the presence of the spark of life might be detected by the use of the X-ray. Much credit has been given to this theory. Still, while the conclusions of the French savant may be correct, they have not yet been proved, and an almost unsurmountable obstacle to the extensive use of this method lies in the difficulty of providing the apparatus at the time and place required.

It is therefore a matter of more than slight importance if Dr. Prentice has succeeded in establishing an unvarying test of the presence of life in suspected death. Being an oculist, the doctor was naturally in a position to be impressed with phenomena of the eyes of the dead that would pass unnoticed by the general practitioner.

It is known to the medical fraternity that the blood vessels and veins of the retina of the eye are the least nourished of any in the human body. For that reason feeble circulation ought immediately to be noticed, where it exists, when an examination is made of the retina by means of an ophthalmoscope.

During life the arteries and veins that interlace in the retina, which is the sack that immediately incloses the vitreous humor or liquid of the eye, have a distinct characteristic. Examined by light thrown into the eye by the ophthalmoscope the arteries are seen to contain bright crimson blood, while the veins contain the dark blood. The two shades of fluid may be seen ramifying the retina at the posterior or back part of the ball of the eye.

The eye of a person with the breath of life in him must present this appearance, even though blind. In case of a man whose eye had been injured to such an extent that an opaque film had grown over the cornea no ray of light could penetrate, hence of course the coursing of blood in the veins could not be seen. But naturally, life or death cannot be told by the eyes unless the subject has eyes.

Dr. Prentice said he noticed that the eyes of the dead immediately after dissolution took on an entirely different and unmistakable aspect. Within a few moments the distinction between the color of the blood in the arteries and the veins entirely disappeared. In fact so rapidly does the change take place that the doctor found that in many cases the phenomena occurred absolutely simultaneously with death.

The fluid in arteries and veins he found to have been transformed into a uniform pinkish color, due to the fact that circulation had stopped and the blood could no longer secure aeration in the lungs.

Recognizing the importance of this fact, Dr. Prentice began twenty years ago to make an exhaustive investigation. He systematically visited the morgues and hospitals of various cities, and examined the eyes of many thousand dead persons. At first he feared that there might be numerous exceptions to the rule, but as the years passed and experience ripened he came to the belief that the rule was infallible. He recorded all of his experiments and sought for and wide for light. He entered into extensive correspondence with medical men.

To put his theory to practical test the doctor tried to find cases of suspended animation. But such cases are exceedingly rare in any one physician's practice, although a considerable number in the aggregate are reported. He was unsuccessful until a comparatively recent date, when he learned of the death of a young German under circumstances that caused the attending physician to doubt whether it were not a case of suspended animation.

Dr. Prentice was called into consultation and at once produced his ophthalmoscope. The ophthalmoscope is a little instrument designed to enable one to look into the eye. It is especially designed for examining the retina. In its simplest form the light is condensed into the eye by means of a concave mirror, through a small hole, in the center of which the observer looks into the eye. Dr. Prentice, according to his statement, threw a strong light into the eye of the young German by means of this instrument, gazed steadily through the aperture for half a minute, and said:

"The man is alive."

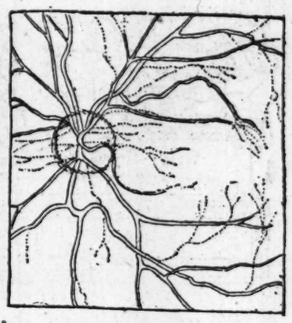
The family of the young man was overjoyed, the family physician was mystified. The reason for Dr. Prentice's verdict was pointed out, and the physician, although by no means satisfied, agreed to await the outcome. The body was kept in a warm place and a watch instituted.

The result proved the correctness of Dr. Prentice's words. At the end of the fourth day the young man opened his eyes. He recovered and is still alive.

These drawings represent the veins and arteries of the retina, magnified many times. The arteries are represented as white, corresponding to the bright crimson blood that fills them during life. The veins are represented black, corresponding with the dark blood, on its way back to the heart. During life the retina has the aspect of the left hand drawing. In death the distinction in color between veins and arteries disappears, and they appear as in the right-hand drawing, where veins and arteries are represented as white.



THE RETINA IN LIFE.



THE RETINA IN DEATH.

The Story of George Hayward, Who Was Buried as Dead and Awoke on an Operating Table, After an Ordeal Through Which Few Men Could Pass and Live.

GEORGE HAYWARD of Independence, Mo., was buried sixty-three years ago. He lived to tell the tale and is still living.

Of all the ghastly preparations for consigning him to the tomb he was conscious. He knew when he was placed in the coffin. Between his half-opened eye-lids he saw the faces of his sorrowing relatives bending over him. He felt the jolting of the wagon as he was borne to the cemetery. Sensibility did not leave him even when he was lowered into the grave. He heard the clods of earth falling upon the lid of his coffin. Then there was a blank.

Hayward was born on a farm near the village of Marshville, Gloucestershire, England. He reached the age of 8 with less than the usual allotment of juvenile ills. His greatest pleasure was to go with his older brothers to the fields.

"I don't know if it is done now," said Mr. Hayward, "but in those days the large yard about an English farmhouse was strewn with straw each fall, which was allowed to lie there and rot till spring, when it was carted away to the fields for fertilizer.

"My brothers and a hired man were doing this. The horses were not driven by means of reins. They were guided and controlled by the voice.

"As the men worked I raced and played about the horses' heads. The men used hop-picks, which are like heavy pitchforks, to scatter the straw. I got too near and was struck in the head by the hired man's pick. One of the tines penetrated the skull. You can see the scar yet.

"It did not hurt much, but I felt very dizzy. I was taken home. The next day I still felt a little dizzy, but was playing about as usual. I went to the cellar and was surprised to find that in the semi-darkness I could see better than in the outside light. I felt queer.

"I had been sick about two weeks when I sank into a dreamy, semi-somnolent condition.

"'He is dead,' I heard some one say.

"I tried to tell them I was not dead. My tongue would not obey me. I tried to rise, but the power of motion was gone.

"My oldest brother, with whom I was a great favorite, had been away from home. He arrived after my supposed death. His grief was very great. I saw his face as he came and bent over me. I heard his sobs and the voices of the others who, forgetting their own anguish, tried to console him.

"The lid was fastened down. The metallic sounds grated harshly on my ears. There was darkness. I realized what it meant, but still I did not despair. At times a feeling of fear came over me, but it was followed by the calm of utter indifference.

"Then I felt the coffin go down, down, and settle into place at the bottom of the grave. At that time coffins were not inclosed in boxes. The damp clods of earth fell on the coffin lid with an awful rumble. The sounds became fainter as the hole was gradually filled.

"Then there was silence.

"Still I did not fear. The terrible loneliness impressed me more than anything else. The air became stifling. Oblivion crept over me.

"I felt the coffin being raised and borne away. The lid was removed and I was lifted out on a table. My eyelids were still slightly parted. I saw several men in long aprons about me. The shroud was stripped from me and two of them picked up knives.

"They seemed to have been disputing over what caused my death. Then they disagreed over the point at which to begin cutting. One of them stepped to the head of the table and forcing my jaws apart, drew out my tongue. The violent action caused the lids of my eyes to open wider.

"He started back with an exclamation of surprise.

"The other man had the point of his knife pressed against my body. I felt it pricking my skin.

"'Look out, you fool, he is alive,' said the one who had made the discovery.

"'Look at his eyes.'

"The other looked. 'You are right,' he said, and dropped the knife.

"I was brought back to full consciousness and taken home. I gradually recovered. I will be 71 my next birthday. I have ten children.

"My rescue was due to the fact that the doctors disagreed as to the cause of death. To settle the controversy they dug up the body the same day I was buried. My family were so overjoyed at my rescue that they did not blame the doctors for violating the grave."

"Do you think many people are buried alive?"

"Lots of them. I have naturally taken great interest in the subject. I have read books relating to it, and I am sure that before the days of embalming it was a frequent occurrence. For good reasons few of the cases become known."

Hayward is a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints. He is a jeweler. He is held in the highest respect by the people of Independence. His veracity is unquestioned. Nobody who knows him doubts his story.



GEORGE HAYWARD, WHO WAS BURIED ALIVE.

Embalmers in Missouri Are Seeking to Have a Law Passed Which Will Compel Doctors to Make Tests to Prove That Their Patients Are Dead.

PHYSICIANS and undertakers alike agree that in many cases the certainty of death is not fully established and that in most instances the return furnished the City Health Department is not as capable of proof as should be required.

Dr. Karges the mortuary clerk, sits in his dingy office at the City Hall. Day after day his high old-fashioned desk is littered with so-called certificates of death, leaves that fall unceasingly from the tree of life.

"How do you know those people are dead?" Dr. Karges was asked as he thumbed a batch of certificates.

"The doctors say so," he answered. "They ought to know. Sometimes they don't though. I suppose I have issued burial permits for live people. Some of them may have been buried alive. I venture to say, though, that in most cases if a man is not dead when the doctor makes out his certificate he will be dead when the undertaker gets through with him, supposing that he is embalmed. Where the embalming process is not used the possibility of burial alive is often present."

The embalmers' organization secured the present State law governing and licensing embalmers in Missouri. Its members realize that existing laws are inadequate, in that they do not clearly define who shall be responsible for the accuracy of certificates of death. They will endeavor to have the law of 1895 amended so that an embalmer's, as well as a physician's, certificate will be a necessary preliminary to burial.

The Chairman of the State Embalmers' Board, M. H. ALEXANDER, is a St. Louis undertaker.

"The present law, or rather lack of law, with regard to the certification of death, is a disgrace to a civilized community," said Chairman Alexander. "A physician is rarely at a patient's bedside at death. He usually leaves the house when he pronounces the case hopeless. He has no personal knowledge that the patient dies. Sometimes he is so informed by the undertaker, more often by a member of the patient's family. Occasionally he does not know it until he sees crepe on the door or reads a death notice in the paper. The embalmer, on the contrary, is in a position to know with absolute certainty whether death has taken place. It is his duty to apply tests for death before proceeding with preparations for burial. He should know the tests and be qualified to pass on the result.

"The sounding of the heart is in most cases a sure test, but when animation is suspended the heart beats so feebly its action cannot be detected by ordinary means. **A small mirror** held before the mouth will show a deposit of moisture if life is present. **The blister test** is the best of all, and I believe it is absolutely reliable. A taper is held to the bottom of the foot. If death has taken place the skin burns and cracks like parchment. When life is not extinct the heat will cause a water blister. This test is absolutely reliable except in cases of dropsy or drowning.

"I always make one or more of the tests before preparing a body for burial. Of course, where the body is embalmed, the process in itself will cause death. For that reason, care should be taken to determine whether the subject is dead before injecting the fluid into the arteries.

"I have had occasion to use the galvanic test but once, and on that occasion I saved the life of a man who had been pronounced dead. He was a Waverly (Mo.) tinner. He apparently died suddenly at a hotel. Three doctors applied a galvanic battery. One of them pronounced him dead, after an hour's work, and the others left. I was called in to prepare him for burial. The battery had been left in the room. I applied it and rubbed one of the poles up and down the man's spine. At the end of an hour and a half he opened his eyes and gasped. I administered stimulants. That night he ate supper with me in the dining-room of the hotel."

H. H. WAGONER, one of St. Louis' oldest undertakers, does not agree with Mr. Alexander. He said:

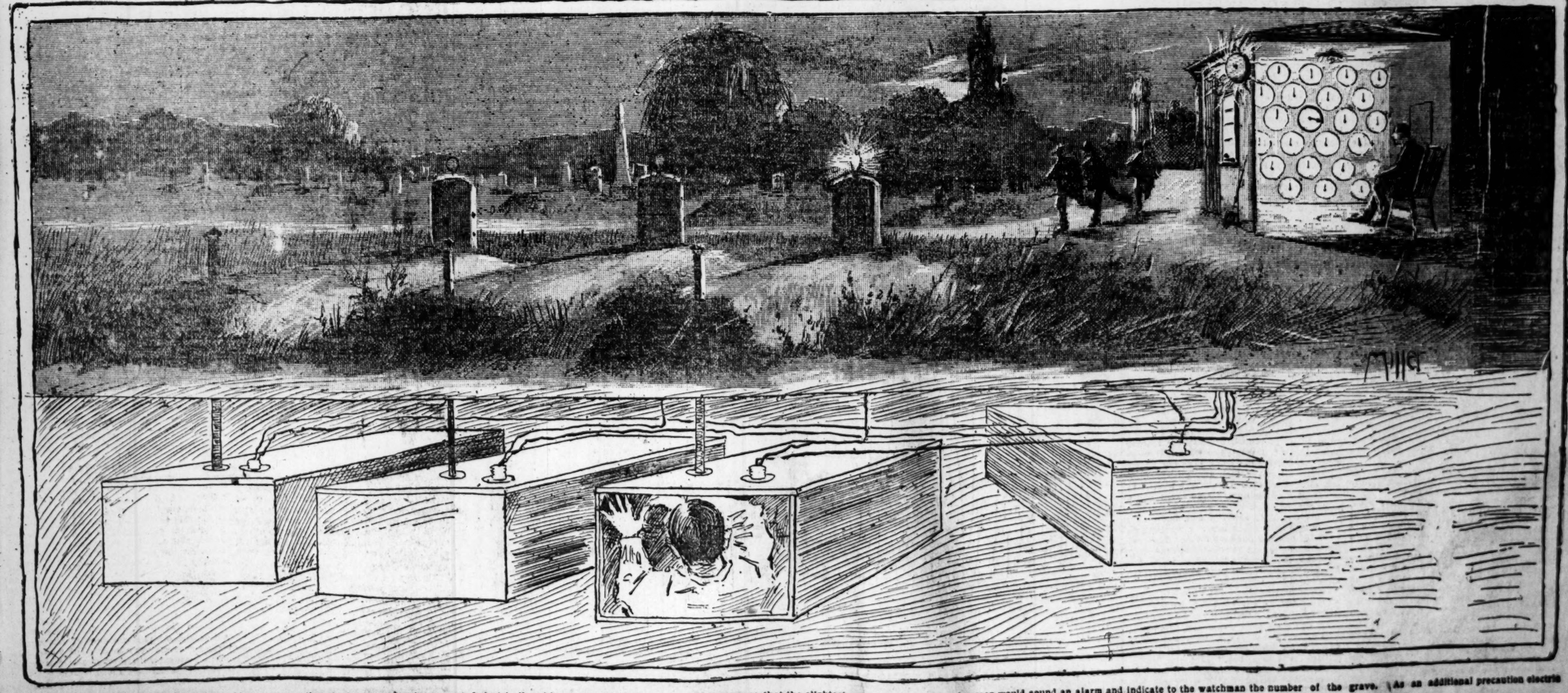
"I do not believe it the duty of an undertaker to make a test for death in all cases. As a rule the evidence of death is so apparent that a test is unnecessary. When doubt exists a test would be advisable, but such cases are extremely rare. I believe that the certificate of a reputable physician can be relied on in every case."

Dr. Otto Sutter, Superintendent of the City Hospital, has seen death in all its forms.

"There is but one absolutely reliable test for death," he said, "and that is decomposition. The ordinary practitioner is not often called on to make tests for death. When he is he usually finds the undertaker has been there before him. I believe undertakers should be required to get the physician's permission before embalming a body. They are at all times too hasty. I am not blaming the undertakers. Custom is wrong, that is all.

"Of the tests for death I should place the heart-beat test first, and next to that the application of a galvanic battery to the muscles. If life is present the muscles will contract, a flexion of the limbs resulting."

ELECTRICAL DEVICES PROPOSED TO PREVENT DEATH FROM PREMATURE BURIAL.



A St. Louisan who has studied the problem proposes that the buried casket be connected electrically with a gong and indicator in a watch house so that the slightest movement by the buried person would sound an alarm and indicate to the watchman the number of the grave. As an additional precaution electric lamps would be placed so that the same impulse which sounds the gong would light them. Valves in air tubes, closed until the gong sounds, are opened by the same current of electricity.

THE STORY OF ROBERT MURPHY, CALLED "A BAD BOY."

His Mother and Father Named Him So on Their Death-Beds, but Even His Step-Father Has an Affection for Him.

BOBBY MURPHY is a bad boy. His step-father, his aunt, the people where he lives and the policeman on the beat all say so.

On their death-bed, his father and mother, with almost their last breaths, branded him as a bad boy.

Bobby admits it, "but I ain't as bad as they say," he declares.

Bobby is now in the custody of the city of St. Louis. His stepfather wants to send him to the House of Refuge. Mayor Ziegenhein believes the boy is not as bad as they say, and wants to give him another chance.

But he has been to the House of Refuge once and he will probably go back there. He will stay a little while and then he will be old enough to be sent out to hustle for himself. He will be old enough, but prepared in no other way to make an honest living in a world where it is desperately hard at best to make an honest living.

The hands of everybody are now turned against the boy. In good time the hand of the boy will probably be turned against society.

But Bobby Murphy is not bad at heart. His acts belie his real nature. He is tender-hearted and affectionate. He is bright. He knows the difference between right and wrong. He is not good because it is less trouble to be bad. Accustomed from the cradle to follow his own inclinations, he has simply followed the course of least resistance. He has as many virtues as faults, but his virtues have never been developed.



ROBERT MURPHY. Drawn from life.

Bobby's parents were poor. His father at least was dissipated. His mother did not know much about the training of children. Before Bobby left his cradle he had discovered that he could have his own way if he cried hard enough for it.

When he grew older the street was his playground. He found many faults, but few virtues, to imitate among his playmates. His parents lost control of him. They probably did not try very hard to retain it.

Five years ago Bobby was 9 years old. He had gone to school but little. His reputation as a bad boy was established.

His father was taken sick and went to the City Hospital. When he was dying Mrs. Murphy bent over his cot.

"Maggie," he said, "put that boy away somewhere, or he'll be the death of you."

Mrs. Murphy placed Bobby in the Episcopal Home, on Grand and Lafayette avenues, and supported herself by working out.

George W. Harris is a Terminal Railway engineer. His wife died at about the same time as Mrs. Murphy's husband. Three years ago they were living in the same neighborhood. Harris had known Mrs. Murphy for years. He went to see her.

"Maggie," he said, "we are both alone in the world. I am an old man, but if you will be my wife you will have a good home."

They were married. Bobby was brought back from the home. Harris had a son, Tommy, one year younger than Bobby.

Bobby's mother could not control him. Once she asked Harris to punish him. Harris flogged him with a strap. She could not bear to see it. She pleaded with him to desist. After that he never punished the boy.

Finally, in the absence of home discipline, it became necessary to send the boy to the House of Refuge.

Mrs. Harris was not satisfied. Every Sunday she went down and took Bobby candy and flowers and other gifts.

"I saw she was unhappy," Harris says, "and one day I says to her: 'Maggie, if you want to, we will go down and get Bobby and bring him home. Maybe he's been taught a lesson.'

"So we went down and got Bobby released. The superintendent said: 'Now, Bobby, I hope you are going to be a good boy and not cause your mother any more trouble.' Bobby said he would never be bad again. He said good-by to all the teachers and told them the same thing. He was good for three weeks. Then he became as bad as ever.

"Last June his mother died. Almost her last words were: 'Get rid of that boy or he'll worry you to death.'

"While she was lying dead in the house, Bobby's aunt said to me: 'You'd better put that boy away somewhere.'

"'Don't talk to me that way,' I said, 'or we can't be friends. I am going to keep the boy and do by him just the same as by my own.'

"I tried it. I went to board at Mrs. Embrey's, 2307 Eugenia street. I paid $10 a month for Bobby's board. I sent him to two different public schools and a private school. He was turned out of all of them because they could do nothing with him. He would take everything he could get his hands on. He would take Mrs. Embrey's grocery book and get things to distribute among the boys.

"I work from 6 in the morning to 6 at night. I could not keep watch over him. Every night, when I got home, the people in the house had a lot of complaints to make about Bobby.

"Tuesday I was sick and I went home at noon. Bobby was not there. I found him in a stable, where the boys gather to play cards and drink beer. I took him home.

"'Bobby,' I said, 'I'm going to take you down to the Mayor's office and have you committed to the House of Correction.'

"'Please don't, papa,' he said, 'I'll be good. I know how to be good and I will be.'

"But I told him no, he would have to go."

The door opened and a policeman walked in. The boy started and a look of terror came into his face. Tears gushed from his eyes. He clutched at the arm of the man.

"Please, papa, don't send me away. Please don't," he pleaded.

"No, Bobby, you must go," said the man kindly, but firmly.

The policeman walked up to the rail. He stood within five feet of the man and boy.

"You sent for an officer," he said.

"Yes," said the Sergeant. "Take that boy down and lock him up and bring him back at 10 o'clock to-morrow."

The policeman turned and looked at the boy. Bobby shrunk back against Harris and turned his face full of terror and pleading, and with the tears streaming from his distended eyes toward the policeman and the Sergeant.

"Stand up here," said the Sergeant, shortly.

Bobby clasped the hand of his stepfather. Harris understood the motion.

"No, Bobby, you must go," he said again. "It's for the best."

But the pressure of the boy's hand was steady and firm. It was not the desperate clutch of appeal. It was the clasp of sad farewell. Harris turned his face, a little surprised, to the boy. Bobby put his other arm around the man's neck, and their lips met in a kiss, lingering and sincere.

Still crying softly, the boy stood up by the rail.

He turned once and looked pleadingly toward the old man.

"Come on," said the policeman. They walked to the door. Bobby turned with another pleading look. Harris was looking the other way. With the tears starting afresh the bad boy passed through the door.

Harris dropped his face into his hands and he, too, cried.

The next day Bobby, with his face clean, was brought back. Sitting in the Mayor's office he said: "I never did anybody any harm. I ain't as bad as they say. I didn't want to go to school, because the teacher didn't like me. I wanted to work and make some money. I don't drink beer nor smoke cigarettes. I never took the grocery book but once, and then I only got a nickel's worth of chewing gum. I ain't never had a fair chance. Everybody's always been against me. They say I'm bad, but I ain't any worse than other boys. I wouldn't do anything mean. I loved my mother. They say my badness caused her death, but they lie."

Crying softly he was taken in to the Mayor. "Uncle Henry gave him a seat and questioned him kindly.

Harris said he could not afford to pay $3 a month for the boy's board at an orphan's home. The Mayor told him he could go.

"Shall I come back to-morrow," he asked.

"No," said the Mayor. "We will attend to the boy's interests."

"He's a bright boy," said the Mayor, when the room was cleared, and I don't believe he's so terribly bad. I won't send him to the Refuge if I can help it. The right person could take hold of him and make a man of him."

MANKATO, KAN., A NEW TOWN, TO BAR "A HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN."

"After the Ball" Was Successfully Prohibited in 1894 and Now a Suffering Mayor Appeals to the Law for Relief From the Later and More Virulent Coon Song.



THEY are always doing something "different" out in Kansas. If it is not one strange thing it is another. Their politics is different. Their statesmen are different, whether it be the irascible Ingalls or the sockless Simpson. Their climate is different; their soil is different; their cerebral convolutions are different. Everything is different

Whenever in the course of human events it becomes necessary for action to be taken on some delicate matter, the eyes of the nation involuntarily turn to Kansas, the land of sunshine and sunflowers; and expectation is rarely disappointed.

Literature is not barred in the great undulating State of Kansas. True, she has never given us a writer whose warblings equaled those of the Sweet Singer of Michigan, yet one of her own bards has proclaimed in undying tones:

Potatoes they grow small
In Kansas;
Potatoes they grow small
In Kansas;
Potatoes they grow small
And they dig 'em in the fall,
And they eat 'em skin and all
In Kansas.

He also harped a stanza about roosters which lay eggs in Kansas, but this piece of impudence was promptly suppressed by the State Board of Public Corrections.

But, while inclined to foster native genius, the people of the Sunflower State are much averse to flippant, harum-scarum rhymers who are responsible for "Time's monstrous brood," the alleged popular songs of the present day. They positively refuse to "stand for" anything of this nature and they do all within their power to stifle these offsprings of impotency and paresis.

In 1894, after Charles K. Harris introduced to the world that slimy slough of sentimental slop, "After the Ball," the people of Kansas rose en masse to protest against the infliction. At first they were inclined to be reasonable, but when such parodies as

And the doctors went to probing
After the ball,

and

He went into the bar-room
After a ball,

became popular, they flew into a paroxysm of rage and demanded the life of the author. Unfortunately he could not be located; so they had to content themselves with an endeavor to crush the hydra-headed monster of song which he had cast among them, like the Israelitish plague of serpents in the wilderness.

The town of Mankato was the first to take definite action. Galled beyond the point of endurance, the city statesmen assembled and passed an ordinance making the singing, whistling or playing of "Atefr the Ball" within the city limits between the hours of 6 a. m. and 10 p. m a misdemeanor, and providing for a fine of 50 cents for each violation. Occasionally there was a slip on the part of some absent-minded enthusiast, but when the magistrate begged him:

Tell me a story,
Do, warbler, please,

all on earth he could do was to go down in his overalls and produce sufficient coin to pay his fine and the costs of the prosecution. As a consequence the Harris nightmare received a solar-plexus blow in Mankato and citizens were able to live at peace with the world, while sixty millions of others were enduring the tortures of the Inferno.

What was good in 1894 is good in 1897. Again the long-suffering people of Mankato have rebelled against the perpetrator of the "popular song," and have hurled themselves into the breach like the late Mr. Winkelried to make way for liberty. This time the object of their wrath is that rollicking, infectious, insidious potpourri of ungrammatical warmth, "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town To-Night."

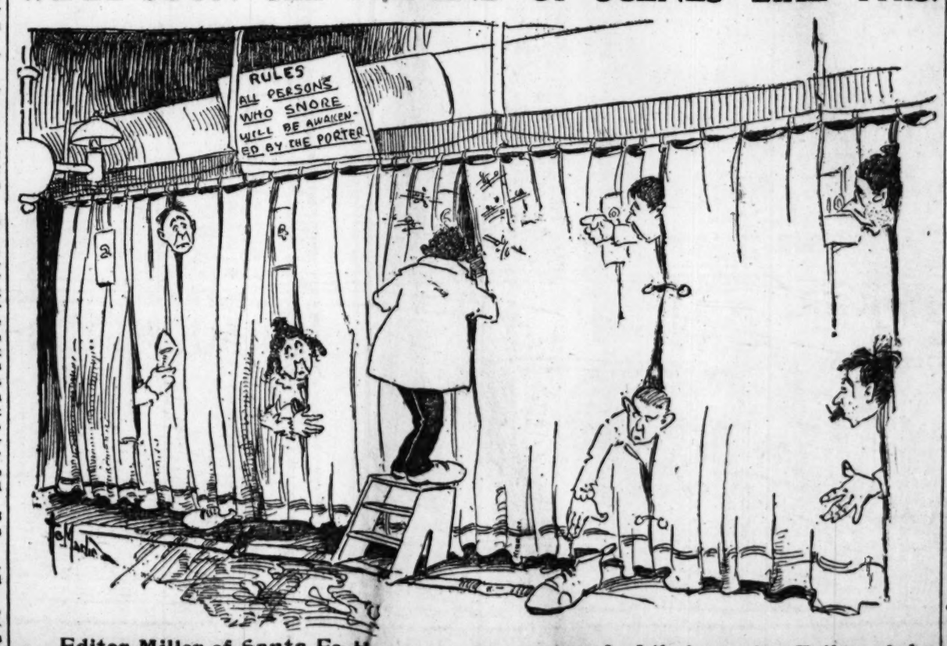
The Mankatoese will have none of it. They will not allow the unctuous strains of that "rag-time" production to stir their blood and cause the hot flush of a hot time to mount to their cheeks. The Mayor, voicing popular sentiment, has instructed the municipal statesmen to draft an ordinance similar to the one which dealt death to the Harris horror and have it rushed through at the earliest possible time. Its passage is a foregone conclusion; and in the future whenever any song-crazed citizen of Mankato, Kan., begins to yell with demoniac warmth:

When the verse am done,
The chorus all join in,
There'll be a hot time in the old town to-night,

there will be a hot time in reality, such as he had not anticipated, and he will be dragged up before the Cadi and compelled to contribute a fine of 50 cents and trimmings for the benefit of the municipality upon which he has inflicted his presence.

As before stated, they are always doing something different in Kansas; but there is method in it all.

WE'LL SOON SEE THE END OF SCENES LIKE THIS.



Editor Miller of Santa Fe Has Set a Pace That Is Likely to Be Followed by Other Travelers Who Are Disturbed by Snorers.

BYRON HOUSE GILBERT, A LAWYER AT SEVEN YEARS.

The Bright Son of a Kansas Attorney Passes a Mock Examination Before Justice Doster of the Supreme Court and Displays Remarkable Knowledge of Law.

ATCHISON, Kan., Dec. 17. [illegible]te on the regular blank used in the [illegible]me Court:

Special Correspondence of Sunday Post-Dispatch. "State of Kansas, Supreme Court—To All Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting—Know ye, that Byron House Gilbert, now 7 years of age, a citizen of the United States, and of the State of Kansas, and who expects to become a regular practicing attorney and counselor-at-law in all the district courts of the State of Kansas, will then be entitled (he to be a good man) to be duly admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the State of Kansas, he having this day passed a splendid examination before me.

BYRON HOUSE GILBERT, the 7-ye[illegible] old son of Judge W. D. Gilbert [illegible] Atchison, has attracted the attention of metropolitan newspapers because of a telegram recently sent out by the Associated Press stating that he had been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Kansas. The big newspaper editors evidently did not stop to consider the improbability of the statement, and the space writers did not want to, and the result is that Byron Gilbert has soared to momentary fame.

The child's father is an attorney, and recently went to Topeka to appear in the State Supreme Court. He took his son with him, and had occasion to introduce him to Chief Justice Doster. Judge Gilbert has taught law to his son since he has been old enough to talk, and the lad's knowledge in this respect is remarkable.

Judge Gilbert examined the boy on lessons he had been taught, and Justice Doster had the clerk issue the following cer- saa.

The certificate, as will be observed, is not a license to practice in the Supreme Court, now or hereafter. It simply says that Byron House Gilbert, after having become a regular practicing attorney in the district and inferior courts of Kansas, "will then be entitled to be duly admitted to practice in the Supreme Court." Everyone who has been admitted to practice in the district and inferior courts is entitled "to be duly admitted to practice in the Supreme Court."

Byron Gilbert is an unusually bright boy, and his knowledge in the direction of law is unusual, but it would be impossible for him to pass the regular examination for admittance to the Supreme Court of Kansas.



BYRON H. GILBERT. From a Photograph.

SNORER, BEWARE THE WRATH THE NERVOUS SLEEPER HATH.

He Will Not Do a Thing to You! If With Your Roar and Awful Snore You Wound Him Deep With Loss of Sleep, When Morpheus He Seeks to Woo, for Heavy Damages He'll Promptly Sue.

SNORER, beware! The day is near when of that simple, pleasing right you'll be divested by severe injunction. If that Western light of journalism makes his case, with one fell swoop he will erase the pleasure of the men who snore, and bid them breathe aloud no more.

'Twas on the plains of Kansas. There, one Friday night of recent date, a train was flying through the air, the engine puffing like a freight, when J. J. Miller, editor of the Monitor of Santa Fe, rolled over in his berth above the berth of Bills, a Kansas jay—a Sheriff, too, and more's the pity, located down at Garden City.

Oh, then and there did Sheriff Bills let forth a deep, resounding snore, that shook the rafters and the sills, and rent the windows, walls and floor, and sent through all the berths around a thrill of terror so profound, a thrill of horror so intense, that all were sure they'd struck the ground, collided with a big stone fence, or crashed with all their might and main into another flying train.

From 12 o'clock till morning's dawn the clash and roar of Bills's snore, without a moment's pause, went on. The hours dragged by till eight were gone, but still that Sheriff never ceased, and still the nasal twang increased, and while the others cursed and swore, he didn't do a thing but snore.

"Shut up, you brute!" exclaimed the men.

"Oh, ain't he horrid?" cried the ladies.

"Get out!" exclaimed another, then.

A fourth one bellowed: "Go to hades!"

"Oh, get an ax!" another roared.

"We'll all go crazy!" yelled another.

"Here, kill him!"

"Swat him with a board!"

And so they cursed that man, their brother, each single and collective victim remarking grimly to the other his pleasure if he could have licked him.

But chief of all of those who gnashed their teeth when Bills's snoring clashed upon the atmosphere nocturnal and wished him in a clime infernal, was Miller—he who all the way that night had come from Santa Fe, and who, oppressed with languor deep, with mighty longing yearned for sleep.

He begged and prayed and long implored, but still that Kansas sleeper snored. He sought to move both earth and sky, to open wide the Sheriff's eye, but all in vain. The Kansas jay kept sawing gourds and ripping boards and tearing rags and clashing swords in such a rude, outlandish way that slumber fled in wild dismay from the editor of Santa Fe.

Oh, then was Miller wroth and sore! He raged, he ranted, cussed and swore, and vowed in anger, o'er and o'er, he'd never heard a sleeper snore with such unearthly snorts before, nor tune such wild extravaganzas as did that cop from bleeding Kansas.

"What right has he to break my peace, to snort and snore and never cease, to raise the roof and shake the sills? What right has he, this Sheriff Bills, with frenzy to inspire my brain, to haunt me, drive me half insane, with waves of sound like ocean's billow, or frighten slumber from my pillow, and all the night to snort and snore with echoes like a cannon's roar? I paid $3 for this berth. I'll make him suffer for the dearth of sleep I've had this weary night. I'll sue for damages—that's right. Now, let the bleeding Kansan fight!"

So, when the big conductor poked his head inside, with dust half choked, and yelled, "Topeka!" though his journey was uncompleted, Miller ran in haste to find a good attorney to enter suit against the man whose ravings had disturbed the night and put sweet sleep to fearful flight, and otherwise aroused the ire of Mr. Miller, who, they say, in the heat of journalistin fray, sets all the river beds on fire around the town of Santa Fe.

Take warning, all ye wights who snore. Take warning—do it never more; for others, such as Mr. M., may be offended at your roar—perchance may one you if they're sore—for snoring is no joke with them.

WHAT IS WHISKY ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD WORTH TO THE DRINKER?

Cleveland and Sec'y Herbert Charged With Having Drunk a Bottle a Century Old.

THE relations between Maj. B. G. Thomas and the United States of America are strained. The Major has a grievance and a claim. Both are of such magnitude that the Washington diplomats will have their hands full preventing an open breach.

Maj. Thomas is a Kentuckian. He has a Kentuckian's reverence for old things, especially old whisky.

When Miss Harriet Richardson of Louisville was invited by Hilary A. Herbert, then Secretary of the Navy, to christen the good ship Kentucky, she told him no ship fit to bear the name of Kentucky should be baptized in effete champagne.

"I'll break a bottle of virile old Kentucky bourbon," she said.

Hilary said all right.

When Miss Richardson returned home she went to Maj. Thomas and asked him for a bottle of his hundred-year-old.

"You can have two for such a purpose," said the courtly old gentleman.

She said one was enough and he gave it to her.

Miss Richardson sent the precious bottle on to Secretary Herbert, to be kept until the ship was ready to be christened.

Secretary Herbert fondled the bottle and moistened his lips with the tip of his tongue. It was the temptation of Hilary. He did not fall then. He said: "Get thee behind me, Satan," and put the bottle away in his safe deposit box.

One day the Secretary and President Cleveland were talking about the christening. The Secretary told the President about the bourbon. The President said he would like to see it. He meant—but no matter.

The Secretary fetched it.

"Wonder if it's the real century stuff?" said the President, expectorating cotton.

"It has an oldish look," said the Secretary in crackling tones.

"Why don't you taste it and see?" said the President. He meant—but no matter.

Secretary Herbert borrowed the President's corkscrew and drew the cork.

They both took a lingering smell. They both said "Um."

Then both tasted it and said "Um" again.

"Tell you what, Herbert," said the President, "that stuff's too good to be fed to the fishes."

"Just what I was thinking," said the Secretary.

The rare old stuff gurgled down the Presidential and Secretarial gullets. The President looked at the bottle sorrowfully.

"It's a pity, Hilary," he said.

"What's a pity, Grover?"

"It's a pity that the bottle wasn't bigger."

That was the story which reached Kentucky, and that's why Maj. B. J. Thomas and the United States are at outs. The Major thinks his whisky was disgraced by the use to which it was put.

"It grieves me deeply," he said, "to think that the bottle I gave Miss Richardson for patriotic purposes has been consumed by politicians like Mr. Herbert and Mr. Cleveland. I sometimes treat my friends to this rare old whisky, several bottles of which I have left, but I make it a point never to allow a politician to taste it."

Maj. Thomas has the pedigree of this whisky. "It was distilled," he says, "in a little old-fashioned still-house, erected nearly 100 years ago, by a man named Cole, who was a contemporary of Jim Gray and Old Oscar Pepper, the earliest distillers in Kentucky. The house stood on the Kentucky River at Frankfort, and about a half mile from the State-house. Here old Dan Swigert distilled this whisky. While I was in the Confederate army it was hidden away in the cellar of my old friend, the late Madison C. Johnson, where it remained until 1870. I then bottled it, and it has remained in the bottles ever since, and has been in my cellars, carefully guarded from thirsty politicians."

If Maj. Thomas has made no mistake about the birthday of his corn juice, it is the rarest old stuff of which connoisseurs have any knowledge and was worth its weight in gold.

Hundreds of Barrels Have Been Buried in Missouri Sands Since the Arabia Sunk in 18

THE hull of the steamer Arabia, which struck a snag in the Missouri River, near Parksville, Mo., Aug. 20, 1856, and went to the bottom with 185 barrels of Kentucky whisky, has been located under a bank of sand, which is now part of a Missouri farm. An excavation has been made, a caisson sunk and preparations are being made to take out the whisky.

When the ship sank the whisky was 3 years old. It is therefore now 44 years old, and according to the belief of the men who are trying to recover it, it will be the silkiest stuff which ever touched the lips of man and worth fabulous money.

Land drifted over the sunken vessel, finally covering it entirely. Then the course of the river changed and the boat was left inland. It remained there, a hidden mine of whisky, until discovered the other day.

At different times several attempts have been made to locate and raise the wrecked steamer. In 1875 some parties from Kansas City, Kan., claimed they had located the hull and began work to excavate for it, but the high water forced them to quit operations.

In the early summer of this year Gail Henson of Holt, Mo., went up there with Prof. Meyers of Kansas City, who had an instrument they claimed could locate any substance, provided the instrument was charged with the same material.

Henson interested J. Henderson, Thomas J. Reese, John A. Eby and W. H. Smith, all of Holt, Mo. They leased several hundred acres surrounding the spot where the boat was believed to be and began a systematic search.

"Our method," says Eby, "was to drive iron rods down twenty-five or thirty feet, and if we struck nothing but soft earth to pull them up and strike again. We had driven over nearly 160 acres of land and were losing heart, when suddenly the drill struck something hard and metallic. We pulled it up and tried again a few feet to the right, with the same result; then a few feet to the left, metal again. A third driving showed the same result. Then we knew we had struck our sunken whisky mine."

Work was temporarily suspended, but Nov. 1 was resumed. A hole was dug in the land and a caisson sunk. A week ago the men in the caisson found a box on the deck of the boat. It was taken out and found to contain fifty hats of the vintage of '56. They were of black felt, fairly well preserved, but the inside and outside bands had rotted away.

Thursday afternoon the whisky was uncovered. The barrels were found well preserved. The revenue officers have been notified. They will supervise the removal of the cargo. The Government will receive about $3,000 revenue tax.

"We expect to get 5,000 gallons of whisky and other merchandise worth in the aggregate at least $100,000," Mr. Eby says.

"As to the quality of the whisky, there is no doubt in our minds, but some have endeavored to show that it has been spoiled by its long repose underground. It will certainly be the most remarkable liquor ever sampled, and should sell at a fancy figure for the mere sake of the money it will realize if doled out to those who wish to taste it as a matter of curiosity. But I believe it will be liquor fit for the gods."

The hull is located in a sandbar or extension of the main land, about one and a half miles southeast and across the river from Parkville and a mile from shore. Tall willows and brush surround the spot, which is most dismal. An engine works night and day to keep out the water (as they are now below the bed of the river).

There is a hole in the earth about twenty by fifteen feet. Over this hole are three large logs standing on end. Coming together at the top from this is suspended the "caisson" or coffer dam.

The deck is thirty feet below the surface and about fifteen feet below standard low water.

ONE-HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD WHISKY IS EXPENSIVE, BUT DEALERS WOULD AS SOON DRINK CASTOR OIL.

WHISKY one hundred years old is worth $126 a drink. Distillers and dealers in whisky in determining its price at a given age must take into account what it costs them to keep it that long. The items, in addition to the original cost, include interest, storage, insurance, taxes and the decrease of volume due to evaporation and absorption. F. A. Bensberg of the Bourbon Mercantile Company says:

"We figure that 15 per cent increase in price compounded every year is necessary to cover the carrying charges and taxes. We add that much each year that we keep whisky on hand.

"Supposing a gallon of whisky cost 50 cents to make a hundred years ago, you can figure yourself what it would be worth now. I'll tell you, though, that it is a fabulous amount."

On the basis suggested by Mr. Bensberg, the whisky would be worth in round numbers $8,143 a gallon, $1,628 a bottle and $126 a drink.

Mr. Bensberg said: "Hundred-year-old whisky would be no better than turpentine. I don't think Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Herbert drank Miss Richardson's whisky if it was 100 years old. They might have tasted it, but that would have been enough for them."

President S. M. Rice of the American Spirits Manufacturing Company says the whisky in the hold of the Arabia might be said to be worth $2,500 a gallon.

"Theoretically," he says, "we might consider that this whisky at the bottom of the Missouri had increased in value by the percentage of increase now figured for holding whisky in bond. On that basis it would be worth $2,500 a gallon, $500 a bottle, or about $40 a drink, if it were worth 75 cents a gallon to start with. A whisky as old as this doesn't exist so far as I know, and it would be impossible to judge the quality before sampling it, as there is nothing to compare it with."

St. Louis distillers do not think the Major Thomas whisky is a hundred years old or anywhere near it. If it is that old they do not believe it would be fit to drink. They say they have never heard of it living to be a hundred years old. They think it might do so if not interfered with, but its human enemy generally cuts short its career as soon as it reaches its prime. In Kentucky, especially, they say, the people seem to be violently prejudiced against letting whisky die of old age, although they are particular to let it live long enough.

Herbert A. Sellner said: "I do not think there is any 100-year-old whisky in existence. It would not pay to keep it that long. Nobody would pay the price it would be necessary to ask. It would be impossible to say what it would be worth. Nobody would think of keeping it, except as a sort of an heirloom, and its value would be that of an heirloom, just what anybody would be willing to pay for it."

William H. Lee said: "Hundred-year-old whisky would be very expensive stuff, if the carrying charges were figured in, but to my mind the liquor would not be worth anything for drinking purposes. I think whisky is about as good as it can get when it is six or seven years old. Some men like it at ten years old, though, and there are some in St. Louis who like fifteen-year-old whisky. The trade takes no cognizance of whisky which is older than that. The approximate cost of hundred-year-old whisky? It would take a college professor a week to figure it out."

Secretary Carl Moller of the Mound City Distilling Company said: "Whisky 100 years old would not be whisky at all. In the first place there would be nothing but a grease spot left of a gallon of whisky after one hundred years. But supposing it was preserved, it would not be fit to drink. I would as soon drink castor oil, if the castor flavor was taken away. When wine passes a certain age it loses its identity. The flavor disappears. Whisky older than fifteen years is a curiosity simply. It is not good whisky. I would not attempt to figure out the cost of whisky a hundred years old. It would be belittling my intelligence. Hundred-year-old whisky is an inconceivable freak."

F. W. Ballman said: "There are so many things to be included in an estimate of the cost of hundred-year-old whisky that it would take a long time to reach even an approximate conclusion. The oldest whisky with which I have had any experience was seventeen and a half years old. Forty-eight gallons were put into a barrel in 1879. When it was taken out last year only thirteen gallons remained. The whisky was not fine. It had begun to deteriorate in flavor."

The distillers do not think either that the cargo of the Arabia will be worth much. "In the first place," said Mr. Lee, "I don't believe there were 185 barrels of whisky on the vessel. That is more whisky than was consumed by the whole West at that period. But supposing it is there I would not give a dime for the whole cargo. It will be worthless."

F. W. Mathias, a whisky broker, said: "Whisky is so much lighter than water that unless the hull lay in very dry ground the water would force the whisky out of the barrels. The people who are digging out there will probably find barrels of dirty water instead of whisky."

During the war a steamboat loaded with whisky sank at the mouth of the Tennessee River opposite Paducah, Ky. As in the case of the Arabia the channel shifted and the sunken hull was covered by sand. A few years ago the cargo was dug out. The barrels which had contained whisky were found filled with water.

CABALISTIC LANGUAGE OF THE ST. LOUIS SCHOOL BOY.

Mystic Utterances From Youthful Mouths Which Render a Book of Synonyms or an Interpreter an Imperative Necessity.

THE English vocabulary is a pretty elastic thing, but it is entirely too circumscribed for the needs of the St. Louis school boy. It is chiefly lacking in words of warning. The school boys have much use for these words. They are generally doing something which they should not do. When they are doing things prohibited by city ordinances they are violating the rules of the school. They constantly have need to warn each other of the approach of danger, either in the form of a "callar," a "Biddy" or a "snitcher."

That is why people are often startled by such barbaric sounds as "chigger," "Hike," "dig" and so forth. These sounds indicate the time for disappearing.

The boys think also that the language is poverty-stricken when it comes to appropriate names for school teachers, girls, tale bearers, teachers' pets and all such things.

Two boys who were passing a West End street had conveniently supplied the deficencies of the language, and were able to converse forcefully and intelligibly without resorting to profanity.

They were school boys. The books they carried warranted the inference. Their conversation left no doubt of it.

"I had to climb the stairs to-day," one of them was saying.

"What'judo?"

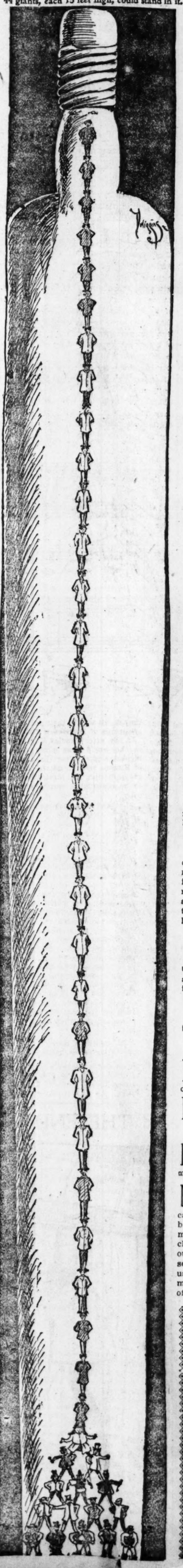
"Johnny, the dummy sucker got on my right of way in the game and give me some lip, and I give the guy a punch and kicked him in the slats. The fellow hollered chigeroo, but I was mad and I didn't care. A lot of tattles saw it. They're always on the hike for such things. A crazy-face ragger rubbered in and snitched to the biddy. The fly biddy told the prince."

"Why didn't you dig?"

"No use. That Biddy's all the mustard. She don't slip a cog."

Translated into plain United States, the boy said: "I was punished by the principal to-day. Johnny, the stupid teachers' pet, got in my way in the game and talked back to me. I hit him and kicked him in the ribs. The other boys told me to look out. Some girls saw it. They're always on the watch for such things. An ugly girl with her hair done up in curl papers listened and told the teacher. The teacher told the principal. I did not run, because the teacher knows her business and don't forget things."

A BOTTLE, 10 inches high, of the best whisky sold now is worth $2. The bottle of hundred-year-old whisky drunk by President Cleveland and Secretary Herbert was worth $1,628. A bottle large enough to contain $1,628 worth of whisky at the present price would have to be 8,140 inches high; 44 giants, each 15 feet high, could stand in it.



HOW MAY A YOUNG MAN KEEP SCRUPULOUSLY CLEAN IN ST. LOUIS?

Fastidious Gentlemen Give Much Needed Advice to a Clerk Whose Laundry Bills Are Out of Proportion to His Income.

To the Editor of the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

HOW am I to keep clean in St. Louis? My laundry bill for collars and cuffs alone last week was $1.15. I am a salesman in a down-town house and my salary is $8 a week. At my home, in Springfield, Mo., we never paid more than $1 per week for the laundry work of our entire family. In calculating what I could live on in St. Louis I did not take laundry into consideration. I have to present a neat appearance at all times and keep extra collars and cuffs at the store so that I may change whenever it is necessary and, although men and women are constantly cleaning the store and the goods we handle are not dirty, I have to wash my hands a dozen times a day and every once in a while the man who is over me says: "I see your cuffs are soiled. Can't you manage to look cleaner?" I put on a clean pair of cuffs which, within an hour, show a dark yellow streak around the edge and in three hours are smutched in half a dozen places. So much washing makes my hands tender and wears out my linen. I have no money now for pleasures and see no present prospect of a rise in salary. I will soon have to have some new collars, cuffs and shirts which I have not the money to pay for.

I see lots of young men in the cars in the evening who look as clean as if they had just come out of their rooms in the morning. How do they do it? If you can only tell me you will make the life of a boy from the Ozarks easier and save me a whole lot of money.

My weekly laundry bill is as follows: Collars and cuffs, $1.15; shirts, 30 cents; handkerchiefs, 28 cents; underclothes, 20 cents; nightshirt, 10 cents; socks, 6 cents; total, $2.09. My board costs me $5 a week. That leaves me 91 cents at the end of the week to cover all manner of expenses. You can readily imagine what a large time I have on that amount.

J. T.

St. Louis, Dec. 13.

WILL GARDINER, Representative of S. W. Cobb & Co., at the Merchants' Exchange, is one of the best dressers on the floor and is always scrupulously neat. He has lived in several large cities and has always kept clean. Here is how he does it in St. Louis:

NO, it does not seem difficult to keep clean in St. Louis. I manage to do it, yet I am conscious of no special effort in that line. I have lived in several large cities and believe that one can maintain a presentable appearance in St. Louis with more ease than anywhere else, excepting Boston.

My morning shine usually lasts me all day. I rarely find it necessary to change my collar or cuffs during the day, though I sometimes have a change of linen at the office when I have an evening engagement and know that I will not be able to go home before fulfilling it.

EUGENE CASE is the representative of the two great "bears" of the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange, John W. Kauffman and C. H. Albers. Dark blue is his favorite color. He is not an elaborate dresser, but his linen is always spotless. Notwithstanding this fact, he declares that cleanliness in St. Louis is non est.

KEEP neat in St. Louis? You can't do it, unless you spend your income on laundry bills and baths. With reversible cuffs and collars and a tie that would conceal his shirt front, a man might keep up appearances, but he would know in his own heart that he was a sham. I find it just as well to own up. If the collar you put on clean in the morning gets soiled, you can't help it. Don't worry about it. Just hunt up some other fellow in the same fix and reflect that you are not the only one. Don't worry about the fellow with an offensively clean outfit. He may have just put up his watch to get his laundry. There's many a dirty spot on a shirt front hidden by a diamond stud.

GEORGE P. PLANT is president of the George P. Plant Milling Company. He is on the sunny side of 40, and is considered the nattiest dresser among the flour millers on 'Change. His instructions are brief:

OH, it's easy. Put on a clean shirt, collar and cuffs, get your shoes shined and don't go out in the rain without a mackintosh. Do this and you will keep neat and will have no need to worry about your personal appearance.

THOMAS W. BOOTH is one of the heaviest grain traders in St. Louis. He is young, wears a pointed beard and is conceded to be the neatest of the coterie known as "the big fellows." Brown tweed suits are his specialty. Here is what he says of keeping clean in St. Louis:

YOU might as well ask me how to run the Government as how to keep neat in St. Louis. It can't be done. You don't see many neat persons on the floor of the Exchange, because the members know it's no use trying to be neat and busy at the same time. The standard in St. Louis isn't very high, anyway. That's a good thing for us business men. I try to keep up to the standard, and think a bath, a change of linen and one or more shines daily, according to the state of the weather, will make a man as neat as he can hope to be in St. Louis.

JAMES JAY BRADY is manager of the Century Theater. Nobody who has seen Mr. Brady twice will deny that he was the personification of neatness and all that is commendable in the way of masculine attire. Here is what he says of keeping clean:

YES, it is a hard proposition, and gives one plenty to think of outside of business hours. The only solution I have is a scrubbing brush, soap, hot water and the unlimited trust of your laundress.

LESTER CRAWFORD is generally considered "the glass of fashion and the mould of form." Nobody ever saw as much as a microbe on one of his collars, to say nothing of a speck of dirt. How does he manage it? He says:

BIG laundry bills are all I have to show for the success of my efforts to look immaculate. Eternal vigilance is the price of cleanliness in St. Louis.

ERNST JACCARD of the Mermod-Jaccard Jewelry Co. is a model of neatness in dress. The secret of maintaining a presentable appearance, he declares, is embodied in the motto: "Wash and watch." He says:

NOT wishing to be placed in the position of holding myself up as an authority on the subject of dress, I will say that any young man employed in a mercantile house can maintain a neat and presentable appearance at all hours by devoting a little care to his toilet. In a position such as mine, where our duties daily bring us into contact with a class of people of the highest refinement, it is imperative that our personal appearance be such as not to shock or offend the sensibilities of our patrons. Consequently, it behooves us to use a little extra effort in the care of our toilet. Any young man with a regard for the proprieties need not be told of the virtues of a liberal application of soap and water several times a day, even if engaged in duties that remove him from much of the ever-present soot and grime consequent upon handling goods of any description. If, in addition to this, he changes his linen, especially his collar and cuffs, once or twice a day, he need have no fears for his personal appearance. Of course, this entails a heavy laundry bill, but in a city where so much bituminous coal is consumed that is one of the exigencies that must be met and accepted as a matter of course.

CHARLES WIGGINS of the firm of Kidder & Wiggins is a young broker whose reputation as a neat dresser is well known. The soot and grime of a great city in which clothing and human cuticle are the only smoke consumers known do not seem to affect his outward appearance. How does he keep clean? He says:

NOBODY has a harder time to keep clean than I. In such an atmosphere as this it is a difficult matter to keep one's linen presentable. Such a quantity of soft coal is consumed in St. Louis that the atmosphere is constantly loaded with soot.

My experience is that if a man will woo the twin goddesses of cleanliness, soap and water, religiously and exercise due care in changing his linen during the day he will have solved the problem of maintaining an appearance of freshness and cleanliness throughout his business hours.

I do not think, as others do, that St. Louis is the dirtiest city in the Union, nor that it requires greater effort to preserve a cleanly appearance here than in other cities. Pittsburg and Cincinnati are worse than St. Louis in this respect. Chicago is on a parity with this city, but New York is cleaner. All the good dressers in New York have their shirts made with the collar attached. You can imagine how long a shirt would last a man in St. Louis if made in this style. The necessity for daily laundering would wear the collar to ribbons before the body of the garment was worn at all.

A. F. STRASSBERGER of the Mermod-Jaccard Jewelry Co. is always so well groomed that his appearance is the envy of many of his associates, who find it almost impossible to preserve an outward appearance of cleanliness during the day. He says:

HAVE great respect for soap and water. That is my one prime requisite for the conduct of any man who would appear clean. In addition to that, I change my linen whenever required and that is all there is to it. Laundry bills come high, but we must have them.

CHARLES HODGMAN, the broker, is a model of neatness in dress. Solomon in all his glory never wore such immaculate collars as he. His instructions are simple:

SUMMING up my experience in a few words, I use soap and water plentifully and frequently and patronize the laundry extensively. Even then it will be a difficult task.

MONROE TYLER, a bookkeeper for Friedman Bros. & Schaefer, is noted among his friends for his spotless linen and the general neatness of his appearance. During the day he holds forth at Ninth street and Washington avenue. He says:

VERY hard, indeed, I find it, to keep clean. While this is not a manufacturing district, such a quantity of soft coal is consumed in St. Louis that the atmosphere is constantly laden with soot, and these particles stick closer than a brother. The only way I know of keeping clean is to bathe regularly and change linen once or twice a day.

EDWARD MEADE, JR., of the Mermod-Jaccard Jewelry Co., admits that he has a hard time of it. A smoky atmosphere is the bane of his life. In relating his troubles Mr. Meade said:

A YOUNG man you see returning home at 6 p. m. after a hard day's work, with clean linen and a general air of freshness—count upon it as a certainty that he has changed his collar and cuffs more than once during the day. I find it almost impossible to keep clean in this atmosphere. Soap and water—soap and water—that's the thing; and change your linen often.

EDWARD ROBERT, attorney at law, illustrates his experience in keeping clean with a little story, which will be found to be applicable to thousands:

HOW do I keep clean? Did you ever hear the story of the question once propounded by King James to a number of philosophers and men of science who were gathered about him?

His Majesty wanted to know why it was that a bowl of water with a fish in it weighed no more than the same bowl without the fish. The wise men thought and pondered and then said they were unable to tell the reason.

"Why is it so?" they asked the King.

The King replied: "It is not so."

You ask me how it is I manage to keep clean in St. Louis. I am not sure that I do. If I succeed it's because I keep hustling with soap and water, flesh brushes and the like. But even St. Louis, I think, has a better thing of it than Chicago.

MAYOR ZIEGENHEIN DOESN'T FEAR DIRT.

By the Mayor of St. Louis.

HOW may one keep clean in St. Louis? Well, I'll tell you how I manage it. When I get up in the morning I get into some water—some of our Mississippi River water. And it's good water. It's a little brown, but it takes the dirt off. Then I put on a fresh shirt and take a shave and I think I'm nearly as clean as anybody needs to be. Of course, the more shirts you put on, the cleaner you look—and the more work you make for some poor washerwoman.

But I find that I can get through my day's work without getting my linen much soiled. It isn't very dirty up here at the City Hall and when we get over into the new hall, why, there won't be any dirt over there at all.

It is true that we have a good deal of dirt in St. Louis. That is because St. Louis is a manufacturing city, and we use bituminous coal. Cities which have few factories and use anthracite coal don't have as much dirt, of course. I remember when there wasn't much smoke or dirt in this city. There was plenty of oak and birch and hickory then, and everybody burned it, even the bakeries and factories. They use coal now and it's a little dirtier, but it ain't so bad.

I remember two or three years ago we didn't have so very much smoke. The factories are running now and they make smoke. But the smoke means that the people have work and I don't think we ought to complain.

Then, there are lots of people who are glad to get jobs cleaning up the dirt. They have to live, like the rest of us and, taking it all along down the line, the dirt ain't such a bad thing, is it?

UNCLE HENRY.

ARE SPANIARDS FIT FOR FREEDOM? BY ANTONIO MAESTRE, LATE OF SPAIN.

One Who Has Been Made an American by a Probation of Fifteen Years Says His Former Countrymen Should Not Be Free.

ARE the Spaniards capable of self-government? Are men of Spanish blood ready for a republican form of government? Should Cuba be free?

Antonio Maestre, well known in St. Louis as a teacher of Spanish, which is a work of love with him and not a means of money making, is one of the very few Spaniards in this city who believes that his countrymen, both at home and abroad, are not to be trusted with the boon of liberty.

Mr. Maestre does not oppose Cuban freedom because he is a Spaniard nor from the Spanish point of view. He is an American citizen. He has been here fifteen years. He has a family of young Americans growing up about him. He claims to be as good an American as anybody born in the United States, and as keenly alive to the blessings of freedom and of a republican form of Government. But he thinks his countrymen must serve an apprenticeship to republican ideas, as he has done, before they are ready for freedom from tyranny and monarchy.



"The Spaniards are not to be trusted with liberty," he said. "The history of the Central American States proves it. They require an 'iron man' to keep them in check. Look at the lawlessness which used to obtain in Mexico. I traveled extensively in that country in 1879 and 1880. Travelers were afraid to travel in a stage coach for fear of being held up, robbed, assaulted, perhaps assassinated. Brigands infested the whole country under Gonzales' rule, and there was no such thing as law and order.

"Then came Diaz, the strong man. He took vigorous measures. Suspicious characters were arrested and shot with little ceremony. The consequence was that he cleared the whole country of footpads, brigands and desperadoes. This may be tyranny, but it is the only kind of government which suits those of Spanish blood.

"The Spaniards know nothing of liberty. They cannot understand or appreciate it. For instance: I was a free silver man in the last campaign. My gold-bug friends would say to me, 'There isn't an honest hair in the head of a silver man.' I would retort, 'You are a gold bug; well, there is not an honest hair in your head.' Very well. We meet next day and talk and argue again. We are friends in spite of talk, but politically we differ. Among Spaniards such conditions cannot exist. Use language like that on the eve of an election to a Spaniard and out would come revolver or dagger and blood would flow.

"Force is the dominating principle in Spanish Government. Gonzales would never have been President of Mexico but for the soldiery behind him. If force were attempted here to carry an election the people would rise in their might and meet force with force.

"I do not say that Cuba should not be free. I am not in sympathy with Spain in this fight. I admire the pluck of the Cubans. If they can win I hope they will. But in my opinion neither the Cubans nor any other people of Spanish blood are fitted for liberty yet. What republics in Central America have been established, have been theaters of rapidly succeeding revolutions.

"They must be educated. I am fit for liberty and republicanism. Why? Because I have served an apprenticeship of fifteen years as a citizen of the United States. I can look back and see how a residence here has modified my character. When I first came here I was ready to jump into a fight at the drop of a hat. One word was enough. In time I assimilated the ideas of this country. I took time for reflection and found it profitable. My hot Spanish blood gradually cooled, and I am a peaceable citizen, respecting the rights of others, yet ready to defend my own.

"Another thing, my countrymen are not progressive. There is nothing progressive among the Spanish-Americans. In Mexico, in Guatemala and wherever evidences of progress exist, they are due to American money and enterprise. The Germans in Mexico are good, solid citizens. They do the banking and commercial business, but they do not project great enterprises. The English residents do very little in that line. If a Spaniard has $1,000,000 he just sits back and enjoys himself. He has no thought of others. He does not furnish work and a means of livelihood to hundreds of poor men with his wealth. He merely lives selfishly off the interest of his money.

"But an American comes along with a million, and his idea is to do something. A railroad is needed. He will build it. Perhaps it is a factory, a mine, a rolling mill—something, anything, which promises to yield returns, keep him employed and give employment to others. American enterprise and capital is to be thanked for all the improvements and progress in Mexico to-day. I am convinced that the Spaniards can be controlled only by force."

ANOTHER "YOUNGEST MASON IN THE WORLD" SETS UP HIS CLAIM.

THE original and only youngest third-degree Mason in the world has been found. He is as young as they make them. He took the first degree on his 21st birthday.

A few weeks ago the Sunday Post-Dispatch told about the youngest Odd Fellow in the world and published his picture.

William Schwartztrauber of East Carondelet has a little brother. This little brother thought William was the youngest third-degree Mason in the world, bar none. He also thought it would be great fun to tell on William. He did so.

William was 21 years old March 28, 1897; took his first degree August 3, 1897; his second Sept. 11, and his third Oct. 23.

J. A. Waters of Ord, Neb., read about it, took down the almanac and figured out that he was something of a young one himself. He put in a claim for the honor. As he was 21 years old May 6, 1897; took his first degree July 8, 1897; the second Oct. 20, and the third Nov. 3, he seemed to have a little the best of it.

Now comes Clarence W. McCord of Corinth, Miss., who is certainly the youngest Mason that ever happened. He writes:

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

In your issue of last Sunday I saw your account of Mr. Waters, who claims to be younger than Mr. Schwartztrauber, and the youngest third-degree Mason in the world.

If your dates are right Mr. Waters is entitled to only second place. I am younger than he. I was 21 years old Sept. 22, and took the first degree that night; the second Oct. 8, and the third Nov. 5.

I am a member of Corinth Lodge, No. 116, A. F. and A. M. I am at this time employed by the W. J. Adams Machine Company as a machinist.

For confirmation of my statement concerning my record as a Mason I refer you to the Worshipful Master of Corinth Lodge, No. 116, A. F. and A. M.

CLARENCE W. M'CORD.

Corinth, Miss., Dec. 15, 1897.



CLARENCE W. M'CORD.

WAR WITH WHITES WRECKS WIZARD.

Inglorious Finish of Kagube, Lion-God of the Mashonas.

AMASSED GREAT FORTUNES FROM IGNORANT DARKIES.

When Game Was Up Threw Himself on the Mercy of White Men to Avoid Death.

A STRANGE tale from the Dark Continent—a tale of astonishing savagery and gross superstition—is told by the British Civil Commissioner and Magistrate at Salisbury, Rhodesia, South Africa, apropos the surrender and imprisonment in that town of Kagube, the famous witch doctor, or lion-god of the Mashonas.

This great man had hardly been heard of up to eighteen months ago, but since that time many valuable lives and much treasure have been sacrificed in the effort to find and take him, and he has succeeded in getting his name into print in a way to make an emotional actress jealous.

Kagube, also known as Gumbo-rishumba, or "Lion's Paw," had his headquarters near Chiquaqua's kraal, thirty miles from Salisbury. The natives used to flock to him about deaths or sickness or other events impending in their families. He was a skillful manipulator of the fortune-telling sticks, which every witch doctor uses, and would dispense nostrums to ward off the evil eye or to remove spells. He was also a ventriloquist, and could make mysterious voices issue from the ground, from empty huts and from rocks and trees. By these arts he acquired great wealth and enormous influence.

Like all his class, he was a keen observer of natural phenomena, and was able to foresee their probable results; thus he was able to predict the arrival of the rinderpest when its ravages were beginning north of the Zambesi River, and to foretell the droughts, locusts and other afflictions, attributing them all to the anger of the Great Spirit.

After the British occupation of Rhodesia the power of Kagube began to slip away. His office of arbiter was usurped by the native Commissioner. Laws were passed prohibiting some of the Mashona customs, such as the killing of new-born twins, and the practice of witchcraft was repressed wherever possible. Accordingly, Kagube cast about for an opportunity of striking a blow in defense of his rights and of reasserting his supremacy. The chance came shortly after the outbreak of the second Matabele war.

In Matabeleland the first month's fighting was all in favor of the blacks, but when reinforcements came up and the British were able to take the field, a different complexion was put on affairs, and the continued reverses sustained by the natives induced their leader, the M'limo, to send emissaries into Mashonaland to create a diversion in that neighborhood and so harass the English from another quarter. He found a willing coadjutor in Kagube, who wanted a favorable opportunity for "wiping out" the settlers, and thereupon the M'limo, with Kagube, the witch Nvanda from Mazoe, and a few more, made their headquarters in the Hartley district, and sent out messengers to instigate the natives to rise against the whites.

They spread the report that the white "impi," or army, which had left Salisbury for Bulawayo had been annihilated; that Bulawayo itself was razed to the ground, and that now was the time for the Mashonas to get back their country. They promised to give charms to all who would fight to render them proof against the bullets of the white man, and by such arguments they so worked upon the credulity of the people that in almost every kraal the natives, even the women and children, put on the black beads, which were the badge of Mondoro, while their fighting men waited quietly for the signal to strike down the whites.

So closely was their secret kept that when the time came the rising was almost simultaneous in every district, and in five days over 100 white men, women and children were massacred in the outlying districts of Mashonaland.

At first matters went well with the witch doctors. All loot taken from the murdered Europeans was brought to them at their stronghold, and stern examples were made of natives who dared to confiscate any on their own account. Kagube and his confreres grew rich, and began to look forward to a return of the good old times. But after the first paralyzing blow the settlers drove the natives from one village to another, beating them back and narrowing the area within which Kagube was able to move.

The allegiance of the Mashonas to their prophet was slipping away. At first he was able to account for the reverses by announcing that the Mondoro was angry with this kraal for appropriating some of his loot, or with that kraal for half-heartedness at the commencement of the war. What lent color to his plausible excuses was the adroitness with which he eluded capture, and, in spite of all the misfortunes which their adherence to the Kagube had brought upon them, the natives up to the last believed that he was a divine, invulnerable being, and that in the end he would emerge triumphant.

This superstition prolonged the war long after it should have died out, and rendered the task of reducing the natives far harder in Mashonaland than in Matabeleland where they knew when they were beaten. On several occasions native prisoners have revealed to the authorities the hiding place of Kagube, but nothing would induce them to conduct the soldiers to it, or to lay violent hands on him themselves. On more than one occasion, when Sir Richard Martin and his troops thought they had laid hands on him, they captured a nest of rebels, only to find that their bird had flown.

But in the end the old fox realized that the game was up, and judged it safer to throw himself on the clemency of the white men than to run the risk of being shot. The Mashonas were naturally disgusted at his surrender after all the trouble he got them into.

MEN IN THE PULPITS REPLY TO STRICTURES OF REV. F. G. TYRRELL.

Are Preachers Free to Think and Do They Think? Answers by Rev. Robert A. Holland, Rev. M. Gorin, Rev. E. Duckworth, Rev. N. Luccock, Rev. S. I. Lindsay and Rev. M. Rhodes.

ST. LOUIS ministers generally are opposed to the declaration of Rev. Frank G. Tyrrell of the Central Christian Church, 3619 Finney avenue, that the pulpit is "the unfittest place for a thinker;" that preachers do not preach often enough or forcibly enough on the question of social wrongs; that they do not discuss economic questions for fear of offending the wealthy members of their congregations, and that poor people are being crowded out of the churches through neglect. Rev. Robert A. Holland of St. George's Episcopal Church is especially severe on the position taken that preachers are not thinkers because they dare not think, and that many of them uphold creeds in which they do not believe for policy's sake. Others attack Mr. Tyrrell's position on social questions, claiming that the gospel covers all such points, and that if preached effectively there will be no need of singling out particular evils or abuses as a text for a sermon. Others believe that he is speaking without foundation when he implies that some preachers are afraid to speak out on certain points for fear of offending the wealthy church-goer. Altogether Dr. Tyrrell has raised a great storm about his ears, and the echoes have not yet commenced to die away.

REV. N. LUCCOCK, Pastor of Union M. E. Church, at Lucas and Garrison avenues, believes that Dr. Tyrrell propounded his query at least 100 years too late; that the pulpit is filled with thinking men. He does not believe that men differ so widely in creeds as is generally represented. He is opposed to sensational methods in the pulpit.

THE question whether the pulpit is or is not a fit place for a thinking man is one that belongs to the Sixteenth century. Dr. Tyrrell is at least 100 years too late with it and it shows a lack of knowledge on his part as to be almost amusing. The boldest, bravest thinking that can be done by any man is done in the pulpit. Sometimes the pulpit is like the editorial chair. Men get in who have no individuality. But when we have men like Beecher, Phillips Brooks, Talmage and a hundred others, how can men like Dr. Tyrrell say that we have no thinkers?

I believe that preachers should speak forcibly on the social evils of the day. I do not believe in sensationalism, but a minister should do his duty in this matter, and he can do it quietly but effectively.

As for creeds, let me say this. Every man's creeds is his own interpretation of the Bible. No member of any Protestant church is called upon to embrace any creed which he cannot honestly believe. After all, men differ not so much in creed as in the interpretation put on certain articles of faith.

REV. M. RHODES, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Bell and Cardinal avenues, does not believe in discussing the social evil from the pulpit. The mission of the preacher is to disseminate a knowledge of the gospel as his church believes it, and that, if faithfully and effectively done, will correct existing evils. The preacher who would uphold a creed in which he lacks faith, he says, is dishonest.

A MAN who does not think is not fit for the pulpit. Dr. Tyrrell says that the ministers of some churches do not believe the creeds they are called upon to preach, and yet dare not preach against them. I say that the man who occupies such a position is not honest. If he cannot believe what he is pledged to preach, he should get out. Let him find a creed he can profess and believe. There are plenty of others who, believing what he rejects, can take his place. Every man must have a creed. Even unbelievers have one.

Dr. Tyrrell claims that ministers do not preach enough concerning the social evil. In my opinion, there are certain things it is unnecessary and unadvisable to bring into the pulpit. The pulpit has its mission, and that is to disseminate the gospel. When people go to church, tired with business cares, they want to hear something religious. They are sick unto death of sermons on reform.

That there is oppression of the working classes I admit, and that there should be a more equal distribution of this world's goods every one allows. But because a man is rich is no reason why he should be attacked. If he came by his money honestly, he is entitled to it, and if he got it dishonestly, that is his own calamity. He will have to give an account of it, in either event, and if he is religious, he is all right, in either case.

I believe that wealthy men are coming to realize that they must in some way lighten the burdens of the laboring classes, or they will right themselves in one grand revolution.

The pulpit has its place, and the gospel will cover all of these points, if preached purely and simply.

REV. M. GORIN, Pastor of the Cook Avenue M. E. Church, South, at Cook and Spring avenues, believes that Dr. Tyrrell is presuming a great deal when he claims that the pulpit is "the unfittest place for a thinker." Dr. Tyrrell, he says, is preaching reformation. He is preaching salvation, which he considers a step higher.

THE fact of a man's having entered the pulpit does not enjoin him from thinking. Dr. Tyrrell's position is presumptive. He occupies a pulpit and he evidently believes he thinks. His tirade on creeds is an idea handed down by the founder of his church, Mr. Campbell. Dr. Tyrrell has a creed of some kind, either implied or expressed. It is impossible for a man to be without one.

I regard the creed of my own church as an authoritative expression of the doctrines of the Bible and it serves as a bond of union between the ministers of the many churches of my denomination. Their assent is voluntary. It is founded on the Bible, which is the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

Dr. Tyrrell is preaching reformation. I am preaching salvation, which is a step higher and includes all of the social and moral evils of the day. I believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ is a remedy for all wrongs and all sin. That preaching which strives for mere reformation is below the mark of the gospel.

He intimates that preachers do not deal sufficiently with the social evil and financial problems of the day for fear of offending the rich members of their congregations. I say that it is not necessary to preach more than the gospel. That covers all.

REV. E. DUCKWORTH, Rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, at Goode and Cote Brilliante avenues, agrees with Dr. Tyrrell that there is too much theological thinking and not enough application of the principles of Christianity. He considers church creeds essential to the progress of religion, but does not believe that they necessarily restrict the freedom of thought.

I AGREE with Dr. Tyrrell that the thinking of to-day is largely along the lines of theology, with but little practical application. The absolute needs of the present hour is that we should be profitable to our times. But, as for any criticism of the pulpit, I should be slow to make it, as I hear very few sermons and only such as are reported in the newspapers.

It seems to me that the supreme need of the hour is not the fantastic supposed original treatment of some odd text of scripture, but the proclamation of God's standard of righteousness in relation to every phase of life—social, religious or political.

Every man must bring the message he himself receives from God, and not be the echo of a commentary of some old divine. I think that a creed is necessary. There must be a standard of religion, just as there are standards of weights and measures.

I agree with Dr. Tyrrell that the multiplications of sects causes the church to be put to a strain to make ends meet financially and I have heard of outrageous means being employed to raise the funds necessary for current expenses.

Something is surely wrong when a holy organization resorts to doubtful means for the sake of the almighty dollar. Many ministers, I think, are afraid to preach on subjects touching the wealthy members of their congregation, for fear of diminishing the revenues. Such men are cowards of the worst order. They are an outgrowth of modern conditions, which must be borne, however objectionable.

There are creeds and creeds. Every intelligent individual has one—the skeptic as well as the Christian. There are political creeds and creeds of science, as well as religious creeds. Every man must take his choice. The multiplication of sects, I take it, is the result of individuality, fostered and intensified by the very thought of which Dr. Tyrrell claims there has been such a lack.

REV. ROBERT A. HOLLAND, Rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, at Olive Street and Pendleton avenue, is bitter in his denunciation of Dr. Tyrrell's query concerning thinkers in the pulpit. Absolute liberty of conscience and thought is the right which he claims and practices. "Unsystematic thought is mere opinion," he avers. "Dr. Tyrrell is the motley clown of opinion."

THERE is not a thought I think that I do not utter. I have absolute liberty. We have the right to put our own construction on the creed of the Episcopal Church.

A creed is symbolic, rather than scientific. I believe in it as poetical rather than as a literal statement of doctrine. For example, the Bible speaks of Christ as sitting at the right hand of God. Now, God hasn't a right hand, any more than he has a left leg. If Christ has been sitting for 18,000 years it is about time he got up and looked around His universe.

As to liberty of thought in the pulpit, I will state that I was the first minister to preach a sermon against eternal torture. I was brought to trial by a member of my congregation and my bishop stood by me, because he said there was no such doctrine in the Bible.

What is that but liberty of thought?

The only thought worthy of the name is philosophic.

In these days, to think means a knowledge of the history of thought and its development, from the rude beginning of Hindoo pantheism, now smattered at by Christian science, up to the logic of Hegel. Nobody who does not know Hegel can pretend to think. Thought is systematic. Unsystematic thought is mere opinion. I am forced to say that very few of the men in the church or out of it, for that matter, are thinkers in the highest term.

Dr. Tyrrell is the motley clown of opinion.

The men he cites as thinkers were not such.

Wickliffe was a reformer who felt, rather than thought, the truth. He led the multitude by moving on their level of mind.

Luther cursed philosophy because he did not know what it was. Bunyan was a poet, a sort of Robert Burns in prose. One of the Wesleys was a hymn writer, the other a magnificent crank. Roger Williams isn't worth talking about.

If there is any proof that the pulpit is hostile to thought, it is the fact that Frank G. Tyrrell is a preacher.

We will have to establish a church and give it the power of a nation if we want to correct the political and social evils.

Social evils are being met and conquered in every generation. What was virtue in past ages is sin to-day. We are correcting these evils by the education of the race. This war with evil will go on forever, for it would create soul stagnation if it were to cease. People would say: "We are through; there is nothing more to do." When evil ceases, good will cease, for goodness is simply evil overcome. It is right to attack evil, but the attack requires patience that can wait while it wars.

REV. S. I. LINDSAY, Pastor of the Brank Memorial Presbyterian Church, 4951 Page boulevard, does not believe that the existence of church creeds abridges the liberty of thought, but that the pulpit is and ought to be the thinker's throne. He also disagrees with other statements and implications made by Dr. Tyrrell.

IN answer to Dr. Tyrrell's position that the "pulpit is the unfittest place for a thinker," I would say, in general, that the term "thinker" is used by him in too loose a sense. There are right thinkers and wrong thinkers, even in reference to eternal Truth. There are advanced thinkers, in the highest and truest sense of that term, and there are "free thinkers," who are spiritual anarchists. There are genuine critics and "higher critics" who are properly termed "upper-attic critics."

But perhaps his position in reference to creeds and thinkers is best answered in propositional form. We assert that the true thinker has the utmost freedom in the pulpit for the following reasons:

1. From the fact that the true church holds that the Word of God as contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only authoritative rule of faith and practice. This position is conceded by all evangelical denominations.

2. Creeds are only the formulation of the great teachings of the Word of God and are not binding upon the conscience, except in so far as they are agreeable to and founded upon that word. Herein is not only freedom of conscience, but utmost freedom of thought. In the light of this proposition a "creed-bound church," in the sense in which that term is used, is anti-Scriptural and subversive of the liberty of the gospel. But I deny that the necessary influence of a creed is to abridge liberty of thought, either in the pulpit or out of it. The highest liberty is liberty in accordance with law. In its ultimate analysis, the authority of a creed is the "Thus saith the Lord."

3. In harmony with the foregoing propositions, we assert that the pulpit is, and of right ought to be, the thinker's throne, limited only by the revelation of God and the law of expediency. Paul says, "All things are lawful to me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful unto me, but all things edify me not." This same sanctified tact and common sense should characterize the man in the pulpit to-day. There is a difference between dogmatism and indoctrination. And I affirm that there is a greater freedom of thought in the pulpit of a church with a definite creed than in connection with one that is creedless.

As to a minister's mouth being closed against moral reforms for a financial consideration, it is my belief that all depends upon the man. He who fears to declare "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" is a moral coward, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" is a moral coward, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" is a moral coward, in the pulpit or out of it. I have known ministers to resign their charges rather than to sacrifice conscientious scruples.

Allow me to remind Dr. Tyrrell of the query of St. Paul: "Why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?"

WANTS TO MAKE RACING MORAL.

California Preacher Has a Great Scheme.

Wants to Have a "Christian" Day at the Race Track With No Drinkting.

REV. EDWARDS DAVIS of Oakland, Cal., wants to see a moral horse race. He also wants to give the members of his congregation and the other Oakland preachers and their flocks a chance to the pony runs without sinning.

His idea is that horse racing is a mighty nice thing, and a perfectly proper thing under the right conditions. These he conceives to be just plain horse racing without any betting or booze-fighting on the side.

He has sent a letter to Thomas H. Williams, Presidens of the California Jockey Club, asking him to have a Christian day at the Emeryville track. He wrote:

I believe that an interest in horse racing is not entirely due to commercial avariciousness; indeed, I believe there are many Christian people who would enjoy the races under consistent circumstances. I, therefore, request you to consider and inform me of your opinion as to the possibility of having a Christian day at the races. This, of course, would preclude drinking and gambling. The regular admission might be charged. I will announce the day and week to make an anomaly of a race without gambling and its attending vices a success. I have seen so many Christians of late riding on San Pablo cars that I am sure such a day would be an economy in conscience to them. Trusting that it may soon be the fortune of a moral element in the community to enjoy the invigoration of the races, I beg to subscribe myself in the human race for divinity, sincerely,

EDWARDS DAVIS.

Rev. Davis is pastor of the Central Christian Church. His congregation is one of the largest in Oakland. A good many of his people do not approve of his moral horse race ideas.

WILD RUSSIANS IN CHINA

Driven Out by the Czar to Avoid Persecution, They Become a Fierce, Flesh-Eating Tribe.

ONE of the most curious of many curious people who make up the great nation of China is the Siyots. They live in the far interior, north of the Desert of Gobi, in a region of which little is known. The best maps of the country close to the boundary line between China and Siberia, near the headwaters of the Yenisei, are inaccurate and are of little value to the traveler.

The Siyots are Chinese only by adoption. When the Russians invaded Siberia 300 years ago the Siyots refused to bend the knee. They retreated southward and forced their way into the Chinese Empire. They dispossessed a quiet and peaceful people in order to make home for themselves.

The Siyots are a nomadic people. They live in portable tents, built of lattice work, with a fet-covered, conical top. Inside the tent is an arrangement of boxes which serve as seats and beds. They also hold the family stores. Near the Siyots live the Turbets. The latter have no boxes inside their tents, and the Siyots have consequently a supreme contempt for them.

The Siyots are deeply religious, and evidences of their religion may be found all over the country. At every dangerous ford or difficult mountain pass are piles of stone or sticks adorned with bits of rag or with wisps of horse hair. Every man who crosses the stream or mountain adds a trifle to the collection as an offering to the deity supposed to look after travelers.

Small-pox is quite common among the Siyots. Their treatment of the disease is primitive. A "medicine man" is called to see the patient, and an effort is made to drive away the devil who is thought to be the cause of the trouble. The medicine man enters the apartment of the patient dressed in a long, red robe, adorned with imitation snakes and brass ornaments. He beats a tom-tom and yells all night, working himself into such a frenzy that he falls to the ground, biting his lips and covering his face with blood.

Some of the Siyots are Buddhists, and are under the control of red-robed Lamas. The Lama sometimes has a vision in which he claims to be informed that a certain Siyot is to die. The doomed man raises a bribe and tenders it to the Lama, who interferes and a respite is secured for a time. Then the process is repeated.

SLIPPING THE HOUNDS IN THE GREAT TEXAS FOX HUNT WHICH WILL END TO-DAY.



FOX hunting in Texas is not merely a fashionable diversion, fit to furnish amusement to the Reynard family. It is a serious matter and has a marked effect on the fox mortuary statistics. It's a regular thing with the Texans to hunt foxes, but once a year, generally in December, they have what they call a national hunt in Harrison County. This county is selected because the extensive fine forests thereabouts are the favorite haunts of the fine native red foxes. During the past ten years a great many imported foxes have also been turned loose in the forests and these have multiplied rapidly.

The hunt this year began December 7. It will wind up to-day. Over a hundred mounted hunters participated in it, and the dogs numbered over 300.

The chase was over a stretch of country 100 miles in extent, with Marshall in the center.

There is good reason for calling the hunt national. Sportsmen come from all over the country to take part in the exciting chase. This year Missouri, Texas, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory were represented.

Among the noted fox hunters who never miss the chase and who were on hand this year are Col. Rogers of Galveston, Alex Cockrell of Dallas, Eli Rosborough of Marshall, T. H. Brown of Waco, and Col. Countz of Weatherford.

The Brunswick Fur Club of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, sent a representative. Mr. Brown brought a special car full of friends from Waco, and a large party of Eastern and Middle States hunters came in a special car from Kentucky, where they had just taken part in the big annual hunt in that State.

The hunt was one of the most successful and exciting ever given. When the brushes are counted at the round-up to-day it will be found that there are not nearly so many foxes in the State of Texas as there were ten days ago.

MISSOURI WOMAN MADE GAME WARDEN IN COLORADO

MISS ANNIE METCALF, who was born in imperial Missouri 26 years ago, lives in Denver, and for the past year or so has been a commercial traveler for a St. Louis house, has been appointed a game warden out in Colorado.

Among the duties of game wardens is the putting down of Indian outbreaks and other such trifles. The law provides that when the redskins get to kicking up a muss, all the wardens may be called out to shoot and be shot at..

Miss Metcalf received her appointment from Game Commissioner Swan on the eve of his departure for the scene of the Indian troubles in Routt County, but he did not order her to join the other wardens in the shooting bee.

Said Miss Metcalf: "I do not anticipate that I shall be sent to the front or will have to brave any very great dangers, though I expect to perform every duty, if called on, no matter what it consists of."

Miss Metcalf is well qualified for the practical duties of the position. She is an expert rifle and revolver shot and can handle most weapons as dextrously as any man. She is also a clever horsewoman and as a daring, dashing rider is without an equal among her sex in the State. Being a thorough Western woman, she has had many experiences that do not fall to the lot of the average person in these days, even there.

She has broken vicious bronchos, and nothing delights her more than to tackle a "bucker" that has been pronounced unbreakable.

While living in the Western part of Colorado she defended the family home often from the Utes, who came over from Utah every year almost to kill game and terrify the settlers in Routt and Rio Blanco Counties.



MISS ANNIE METCALF. From a Photograph.

While guns and revolvers, red Indians, vicious bronchos and wild beasts have no terrors for the young woman, the sight of a cow is enough to give her nervous prostration.

"Yes," she said, "I cannot deny it; I am deathly afraid of a cow and would ride farther to get out of the road of one than I would from a band of redskins. I do not fear mice in the least, like some women, but a cow is my worst enemy. If I should be sent out to Routt County to fight Indians or run down game violators Mr. Swan would have to give me a guarantee that there were no cows in the vicinity or I would hesitate about going. I was chased by a cow about two weeks ago and had a hideous experience. I ran an awful ways and had to climb a telegraph pole.

"All cows seem to have a particular dislike for me. I don't know why, but it's true, though. I never met one on the road yet that didn't run after me, whether I was on foot, on horseback or mounted on a wheel."

Miss Metcalf did not seek the position of warden. The position of clerk to the Game Commission was offered her. She accepted that and Mr. Swan went her one better by making her a game warden.

As clerk she receives $900 per year. As warden she will receive $5 per day only when in the field.

She is an attractive brunette, refined and retiring and accomplished. As yet she has not decided what costume to wear when on duty as a warden. She has independent, but not radical ideas on dress. Skirts and such things, she thinks, are out of place when a woman is horseback riding or cycling. She is not in favor of equal suffrage and takes no part in politics, except to vote.

There is only one other woman game warden in the United States. Her name is Mrs. Warren Neal, and she serves on the staff of the Game Commissioner of Michigan.

RABBIT HUNT IN COLORADO.

Six Thousand Killed Within Two Days.

These Hunts Are a Necessity as Well as a Sport, for the Rabbit Breeds Rapidly.

A CHARTERED train of tourist sleeping cars left Denver Wednesday, with 200 hunters on board. They were bound for Lamar, where the annual slaughter of jack rabbits was booked to take place Thursday and Friday.

The train was met at the Lamar depot by the populace and a brass band, and escorted to the headquarters. There they got breakfast and were transported in wagons to the hunting grounds.

In the two days' sport about 6,000 jack rabbits were dispatched to the Elysian fields where there are no hunters, neither powder nor ball.

There are still a few left, and by this time next year there will be enough to furnish sport for another train load of hunters.

The female jack rabbit breeds every six weeks of the year, except during October, November and December, and drops from five to seven in each litter. As five healthy jack rabbits can eat as much as a sheep, the annual slaughter is really necessary.

AN EAGLE IN STONE.

Curious Monument in North Georgia Which Antedates Civilization.

DOWN in the State of Georgia, in Putnam County, is a strange monument, which, while not as old perhaps as the Egyptian Sphinx, is almost as remarkable from the view point of its construction. It is on the plantation of Goodwin Scott and consists of a mass of stones formed into the shape of a huge eagle lying on the ground with outstretched wings.

It is known locally as the "Spread Eagle Monument." It extends over nearly an acre of ground and the highest point—the breast of the bird—is twenty feet from the surrounding surface. The monument is of excellent proportions and its prehistoric designer must have been an artist of no mean ability. A geologist has estimated that it must have taken 300 men fully three years to arrange the stones of which the bird monument is formed. A small portion of the upper part of the breast has been destroyed by vandals, but otherwise it is in perfect condition.

While there is no positive knowledge as to its origin, the local inhabitants have this pretty legend of the monument. It was told recently by a Georgian who chanced to be on a visit to the capital.

"Of course, like all unique and ancient curiosities," he said, "this 'spread eagle' monument has a story or legend connected with its origin.

"The tribe was small and their peaceful disposition caused the more powerful tribes to leave them alone in seclusion. After years of quiet and contentment a cloud came and hovered over them. This cloud was in the shape of an enormous bird, and its food was human beings. As easily as a hawk could carry off a bird, this eagle would dart down on an unsuspecting savage, seize him in its enormous claws and bear him away. Some of the bravest warriors and hunters were carried off and the great eagle became a reigning terror.

"On the top of a tall mountain the eagle made its home, and the mountain is supposed to be Stone Mountain, near Atlanta. Expeditions were formed to kill the eagle, but this was not accomplished until a tall, handsome, powerful young Indian named Maneeco had his young wife, Eulahaha, taken away by the monster bird, when he followed it to its mountain home and sent an arrow through its heart.

"Maneeco loved his wife dearly, and one day as he returned from a hunt with a deer thrown across his shoulder, he hallooed to Eulahaha on entering the village, and she, all glowing with pride at her husband's success, ran out to meet him. When only a short distance from the wigwam there was a great rushing sound, like the roaring of a mighty wind, and the eagle darted down upon her, and, seizing her with his great talons, bore her away.

"Just as the sun was rising on the fourth day of the disappearance of the eagle and Maneeco's departure, the natives were startled by a loud warwhoop on the outskirts of the village. On gathering there a strange sight met their gaze.

"An Indian warrior stood facing them, but in such a pitiable plight that at first he was not recognized as Maneeco. Great masses of flesh had been stripped from all parts of his body, his face and neck were scarred with many long and ugly gashes, while the ball of his left eye had been completely torn from its socket.

"At his feet, with his right foot resting upon its body, lay the great eagle, rigid in death. The poor fellow was almost dead, and only lived long enough to tell his people how he had followed and slain the eagle, and asked them to go to the mountains, find the bones of his Eulahaha and bury them with him, so that they could journey though the spirit land together.

"A council of all the tribes was held, and the Indians agreed to build the monument—a perfect resemblance of a huge bird stretched out upon its back."

CRANES ON THE INDIAN RIVER IN FLORIDA RIVAL BALLET GIRLS DANCING.

PERHAPS you imagine that no bird is able to dance and that a clumsy wabble is about the best performance that one of them can really achieve, even though he had the disposition to turn disciple to Miss Terpsichore. But if you happen to be wealthy enough to afford a trip to Florida, you can have your mind astonishingly disabused of this impression.

Down in the Flowery State on the sandy, flowery banks of the beautiful Indian River there are conducted every day in the year public dancing matches among the native cranes that would pale the cheek of even a master of ceremonies to the big balls of our own Four Hundred.

The Florida birds that can give such good pointers in the art of dancing to even the best professional dancing masters of the human kind are sand-hill cranes.

Of course, it is only in the forests through which the river runs that the sand-hill cranes can be found, and as they are extremely timid in the presence of man, in order to catch even a glimpse of the cranes in action it is necessary to climb a tree by the river bank and wait there until a company of the cranes happen to pick out a place near where the observer is concealed. Then the spectator will be treated to the phenomenal sight of a complete ball given by the birds.

The Smithsonian Institution at Washington has just had two naturalists studying the habits of the sand-hill cranes and in their report they describe one of the balls given by the birds in these words



"There were ten birds of the average size in the company and one which was an overgrown fellow, with an enormous breast, and he seemed to act as a sort of master of ceremonies to the rest, for he took no active part in the movements except to wave his head from side to side, as though beating time to the hissing sound of what was probably the bird music which emanated from his beak.

"Eight of the birds formed themselves into a square of four couples, each consisting of a male and female crane. Every figure of the quadrille was presented. The cranes went forward and backward, swung backward and forward, crossed over, bowed to partners with serious dignity, "chassed" in superb style, righted and lefted to places with an even, steady motion and went through the whole performance with the correctness of clockwork, all the while each of them hissing an accompaniment.

"Once in a while the two birds with no partners would gracefully sail into the center of the square while the other cranes were changing partners and there execute a fantastic flourish of legs and wings and then hop back to their old position of wall flowers."

The ordinary sand-hill cranes are four feet in length, with a wing-spread of nearly two yards. Their legs are three feet in length and only loosely jointed about the middle. The cranes are clothed with leaden-gray feathers. There are said to be as many as a thousand in the forests of the Indian River.

Amusements Provided for St. Louisans This Week.



Mrs. Fiske has presented "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" in St. Louis in spite of the so-called Theater Trust. She did an excellent business. An actress quite as competent as Mrs. Fiske, but in a different line, appears this week at the same house. She is Kathryn Kidder and her play is "Madame Sans Gene." Miss Kidder will carry a heavier handicap than Mrs. Fiske, as she has been seen here twice before in the play. Still it is one of Sardou's best creations and no one who has seen Miss Kidder once will hesitate to go again. She is probably the most effective emotional comedienne in America. Her work in the same play at the Olympic Theater last season shines in the memory like a good deed in a naughty world. If she doesn't have good houses, in spite of the approach of Christmas, in spite of the trust and in spite of the counter attractions, theater goers will make a mistake.

Kathryn Kidder as Sans Gene.

There is an abandon in the words "don't care" as applied to Catherine Hubscher, the laundress in "Madame Sans Gene," to be presented at the Fourteenth Street Theater this week, begining this evening, matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

"Sans Gene," translated into English, means "don't care," and the play is a beautiful comedy, embracing the most interesting period of French history. The plot is laid in the time just prior to, during and after the French Revolution, and during the days of the First Empire, when Napoleon reigned as Emperor of the French. No nation of the world within a few years had such terrible upheavals in its condition as did the French from the advent of "the Little Corporal" until his exit in exile to St. Helena, and no such eventful times for a play could present itself. Sardou in his masterful way has told the history of Madame Sans Gene in the beautiful comedy of that name. Catherine Hubscher, the washerwoman, was patronized by the officers of the King, among whom was the then unknown young Corsican, Napoleon Bonaparte, whose friendship in after life proved a boon to the humble girl even at that early date noted for the independence which won her the sobriquet "Madame Sans Gene." From the commencement of the piece until its end it is most interesting to watch the transformation of the girl of the protectaire as she ascends the scale from the wife of the subaltern Lefebvre to his lady when he is raised to the high rank of Marechal of France. Through the transition our heroine never for an instant loses her self-possession, and to the end of the chapter remains the same Madame Sans Gene we first see with her tub and wash-boards. To study the woman of the people, one can have no better chance than to see Miss Kathryn Kidder's performance of "Madame Sans Gene," and to get a correct view and perfect understanding of the stirring times of Napoleon I. this great comedy offers every opportunity. Aside from presenting perfectly the events of that day, with all its noted characters represented by an elegant company of players, all the scenes in the comedy are correct views of the localities and surroundings, taken from the historical pictures in the Louvre.

Modjeska in a Repertoire.

Madame Modjeska, after an absence of several seasons from St. Louis, will begin a week's engagement at the Olympic Theater to-morrow evening. The return of this distinguished actress to the stage is an event which all those who take an interest in poetic drama will be delighted to learn. The charm of Modjeska's personality, the finish of her art and the range of her genius are topics upon which the critical and the popular judgments coincide, and the fact that she is to be seen again in the poetical and classic roles of which she is such a satisfactory exponent, is a subject of general pleasure.

Monday evening she will present "Magda," in which she apeared here once only during her last engagement. Duse and Bernhardt have both presented the piece in this country, but Modjeska is the only one who has done it in English. The play is by Herman Sudermann, perhaps the most distinguished dramatic author among the younger writers in Europe to-day. The story is that of Magda Schubert, a willful, independent young girl, who refuses to marry a man chosen for her by her stern, narrow-minded, though affectionate old father. She leaves home, and twelve years after returns to the humble village a great and famous opera singer. The unrelenting parent refuses to see her, but at the solicitation of the kindly, sympathetic village rector, a reconcilkation is about to be effected when the father learns of an event in Magda's city career which, according to his ideas, has cast an indelible stain on her character, and he again closes his heart to her. The real nobility and sublimity of Magda's nature, however, are at last made clear to the old father, who dies with forgiveness on his lips. The play is a study of character, intensely dramatic, and Modjeska's portrayal of the leading role has been ranked by critics among her finest creations. "Magda" will be given Monday and Friday nights.

Tuesday and Thursday nights and at the Christmas matinee, Modjeska will be seen as the Queen of Scots in Schiller's "Marie Stuart." "Camille" will be played at the Wednesday matinee; Wednesday and Saturday nights "Macbeth." The company supporting Modjeska this season is claimed to be one of merit. Joseph Haworth, an actor of ability, plays the leading roles, and in addition to him the company contains a number of other well-known players, among them John Malone, Lester Lonergan, Wadsworth Harris, George Sylvester, F. W. Kendrick, J. A. Ward, Anna Proctor, Anna Daly, Mrs. H. E. Sargent, Grace Fisher and Maud Northam.

Wilton Lackaye at the Century.

Wilton Lackaye begins an engagement tonight at the Century Theater. He will present a new play, "The Royal Secret." He was last seen in St. Louis as Svengali in "Trilby" in 1895. This is his second season at the head of his own company. Mr. Lackaye promises a strong, well-selected company, and a play that is said to be strong and dramatic and produced upon a high plane of scenic art.

"The Royal Secret" will present Mr. Lackaye in a romantic character, free, jovial and animated by a passionate love, disturbed by jealousy. He proves himself a resolute defender of virtue against his King. This is a strong contrast with the striking, but morbid characters in which, in recent seasons, he gained such distinction.

The main interest in the play is said to center in the Bohemian life of the actor. The action begins with Mondory, the part Mr. Lackaye will impersonate, a strolling player. He performs an act of generous aid to a fugitive, and upon this deed turns his subsequent adventures. The later scenes concern him as a successful actor at court. His defeat of the purposes of an enemy to bring about his ruin by fomenting the passion of the King for Mondory's leading lady, the woman he loves, is one of the strong circumstances of the play. What is said to be one of the most dramatic and picturesque scenes in "The Royal Secret" represents Mondory presenting a play before Louis XIV. His purpose in presenting this piece is to illustrate graphically the wrong doings of the arch villain. Mondory, however, almosts hoists himself upon his own petard, for he is overcome with jealousy at the spectacle of the King lolling by the side of the woman he loves. Mondory upbraids the King and is sentenced to the Bastile. The authors, however, by skillful device, secure their hero's liberty, and then the player conclusively proves to the King the treachery of De Harley, the arch villain. Mondory receives his reward through the King discontinuing his attentions to the heroine and giving his royal blessing to the union of Mondory and Armande. There is a vein of comedy because of the presence in the cast of Margot, the heroine's sister, her lover and her adopted father, a plebian grocer.

Mr. Lackaye believes he has the strongest role of his career in Mondory. The company includes Alexander Karney, Henry Bagge, W. T. Melville, Britta Griffin, Alice Evans and Helen Hunt.

"Don Caesar" at the Imperial.

The Christmas week attraction at the Imperial Theater will be "Don Caesar de Bazan." This is a play that James W. Wallack made famous in England half a century ago. Many romantic actors afterward included it in their repertoires. Practically the same story is exploited in Charles Mathews' "A Match for a King," and in the tuneful opera, "Maritana." Charles II. of Spain is introduced as one of the principal characters, but no effort has been made by the author to establish the play on a substantial historical basis. Don Caesar, "in truth a strange and wayward wight," meets with adventures which are as amusing as they are interesting. About to be shot for dueling during the period of the King's jubilee, when such things were prescribed, he is married to the pretty gypsy, Maritana, that his title of Count de Garofa may not die with him. Don Jose, the villain of the play, hopes to profit by this advancement of the girl. Charles is in love with her and the conquest seems easy, but Lazarillo saves Don Caesar from death and helps him to escape. That gentleman turns up at the right moment and prevents the consummation of the designs on Maritana. The two discover that they are married and an appointment from the hands of the King, who wishes his part in the affair hushed up, brings the comedy to a satisfactory conclusion.

William Redmund, who makes his first appearance with the stock company this afternoon, takes the part of Don Caesar. Coulter Brinker is cast as the King and Emmett King as Don Jose. Miss Fanny McIntyre has the happy role of Maritana. Miss Almosnino should appear to advantage in the knickers and blouse of the lad Lazarillo. Charles Burnham will appear as the Marquis de Rotundo and Mrs. Dickson as the Marchioness. As the period of the play is the latter part of the seventeenth century elegant costumes will be used.

Funny Show at Havlin's.

"McFadden's Row of Flats" will be produced at Havlin's to-day. The theme of the play is taken from the caricatures of the celebrated artist, R. F. Outcault and the dramatization made by E. W. Townsend, widely known as the creator of "Chimmie Fadden. The play will introduce "The Yellow Kid," whose pranks and precocity have been the delight of both old and young. In presenting "McFadden's Row of Flats" for public approbation the management has given every attention to detail. Not only has he had sketches made of the rickety and ramshackle sections of New York City, but has given personal supervision to the painting and preparation of the scenery. In the company are R. K. Mullen, Charles A. Loder, Estelle Wellington, Lizzie Conway, George Leslie, Misses Annie Dunn, Ruby Lyton, Kittie Lampp, Della Sanders, La Bella Parsons and the Speck brothers, the two original Yellow Kids, Alex and George.

Hopkins' Grand Opera-House.

There will be three complete shows in one at Hopkins' Grand Opera-house next week. At a great cost Col. Hopkins has arranged with B. F. Keith of Keith's Theater, Boston, to give the first production in St. Louis of the "Visions of Art." This magnificent spectacle is said to have cost Manager Keith $30,000 to place before the public. In the collection there are sixty subjects from which selections will be made during the Hopkins engagement. The pictures are beautifully mounted, shown in a rich combination of colors and the blending of light and shade gives a magnificent effect. The "Visions of Art," as produced in New York, Chicago and Boston, were a revelation to the public in their general attractiveness and called forth unstinted admiration on all sides. Their presentation here during Christmas week should prove equally as attractive and entertaining. The Hopkins stock company will present William Gillette's beautiful play, "Esmeralda," with appropriate scenery. The vaudeville features will embrace a strong combination of high-class specialties, including several European novelties. Among the leading features will be El-Zobedie, an equilibrist who has made a sensational hit wherever she has been seen; Adrienne Ancion, who will make her first appearance in St. Louis doing an aerial act; Richard Pitrot, in caricatures of celebrated personages; McKee Rankin's charming daughter, Phyllis Rankin, in character songs; Billie Carter, banjoist; Joe O'Hare, phenomenal boy tenor; George Austin, slack wire comedian, and Miles and Ireland in their Celtic impersonations. Col. Hopkins will come direct from New York City to personally direct the production of the "Visions of Art."

"Twentieth Century Maids."

The attraction for the week at the Standard is Harry Morris' "Twentieth Century Maids," an organization composed of the best talent in its line that has for two seasons played all the leading cities in the country, arousing much interest. The entertainment opens with a frothy frolic called "The Century Widows." The dialogue is crisp and in perfect unison with the incidents. There are several musical numbers to enliven the entertainment. The specialty acts which follow, include the Johnson trio, Emerson and Omega, Lew Randall, Lillian Beach, J. C. Harrington and last, but by no means least, Lola Mellere, the latest importation from the celebrated Latin Quarter in Paris, said to be the most perfectly formed woman on the vaudeville stage. She has posed for famous artists and has been called a perfect model. Miss Mellier will pose in a series of reproductions of works of art.

The performance closes with the celebrated travesty "Too Much Trilby," in which Harry Morris will be seen in the roll of Slang Valley, a dealer in hypnotic electricity.

Coming Attractions.

Sol Smith Russell will be seen at the Century next week in "A Bachelor's Romance."

J. H. Stoddart, Cora Tanner, Edmund Collier, Ffolliott Paget and Louis Massen will appear at the Olympic Sunday, Dec. 26, in "The Sporting Duchess."

"Fallen Among Thieves" is underlined for next week at Havlin's.

An Extra Performance.

Prof. Kellar is to give an extra performance at the Olympic to-night, the special feature of which will be "Spiritualism Exposed."

WOMAN'S SAD FATE.

Mrs. Marston Living in Poverty in Denver, Which Her Husband Governed.

MRS. ELIZABETH B. MARSTON of Denver has gone from plenty to poverty and from social eminence to despair's depths.

Mrs. Marston is the daughter of the late Dr. R. G. Buckingham, once Mayor of Denver, once a candidate for Governor, and a physician of eminence.

Dr. Buckingham died in 1888. He divided his estate of $80,000 among his three daughters—Elizabeth, Flora and Ella. Charles D. Cobb, the husband of Ella, was made administrator without bond.

Elizabeth was married to John P. Marston in 1871. She was then the acknowledged queen of Denver society, and the wedding was a brilliant one, attended by many notables.

Her husband has been dead several years. She claims that instead of the $26,000 which should have come to her from the estate she has only received $700. She lives in two bare rooms on the third floor of the building at Sixteenth and Platte streets.

Her former influential friends did not know until a few days ago where she was, and she was too proud to let them know, even though she was on the verge of want and a money lender was threatening to turn her out in the world.

Her silverware, pictures and heirlooms were stored. The money-lender had a mortgage on them and would not permit them to be touched by her.

Forced by her necessity, she wrote to Gov. Adams, delicately outlining her condition, and asking him to purchase a large oil painting left her by her father. He suggested that she go to some of her old family friends. She would not do that, but they got an inkling of the truth from a newspaper item. A score of friends rushed to her relief, the clutch of the money lender was broken and her needs were supplied. Generous men who did not personally know the unfortunate woman vied with each other in giving her assistance. John W. Boone of Breckinridge and R. H. Denver were each anxious of having the honor of canceling the claim of the money lender.

SOLOISTS of the NEXT CHORAL SYMPHONY CONCERT



"THE MESSIAH," by the Choral Symphony Society next Wednesday night, will probably be the musical event of the season. This oratorio has almost always drawn crowded houses and sometimes there is "standing room only." One reason for this besides the great popularity of the work is the fact that many people regard its proper rendition as a sort of religious ceremony. This year the chorus is largely augmented and greatly increased in efficiency by numerous experienced volunteers, the orchestra has been never better and the quartette of soloists is excellent. Miss Adelaide Kalkmann, the soprano, is one of our very best choir singers, and during her late stay in Europe she made great progress in her art. There she studied under such teachers as Sbrigia of Paris, the trainer of the De Reszkes, Nordica and Plancon, Organi of Dresden and Randegger and Henschel of London, making with the last named a special study of oratorio.

Mrs. Pauline Schuler Bollmann, for many seasons a favorite contralto, will appear again in the same part in which she has scored her brightest successes and made her warmest admirers by the rich and sympathetic voice and her admirable method. The tenor, Mr. W. Theodore Van Yorx of New York, has never appeared in St. Louis, but the critics of the Eastern musical centers are unanimous in his praise, his greatest success being in the performance of "The Messiah" by the New York Choral Society. His voice is said to be one of beautiful quality and great power, possessing richness and fullness of tone in its entire range. David Bispham, the baritone from the Damrosch Opera Co., sang this season in the first Choral Symphony concert, though he has of late devoted himself mainly to opera, yet his first great successes in England were in concert and oratorio.

HIS RULING PASSION.

Deacon Cabble Left His Sister's Funeral Rather Than Hear an Organ Played.

RATHER than listen to "Nearer, My God, to Thee," sung to the accompaniment of a "music organ," at his sister's funeral, Deacon Enos Cabble walked out of church.

The good deacon was until recently a member of the Fairview Baptist Church, near Shelbyville, Ind. The congregation was very hardshell, and Deacon Cabble was a regular turtle-back.

Some time ago, some of the flighty young folks took a notion that they wanted an organ to "kinder help the music along."

Deacon Cabble strongly opposed the proposition "Sooner than my tongue should justify such sacrilege I would tear it out by the roots, and sooner than my hands should assist in it I would cut them off," he said.

A meeting was held to vote on the matter. Deacon Cabble made a speech. Trembling with righteous feeling he said: "I would prefer seeing the space the organ would occupy taken by a whisky seller. The bumping of the glasses would fall more gently on my ears than the notes of the organ and would be more in accord with my ideas of Christianity."

So strong was his opposition that the vote was postponed. Later, though, the organ won by a small margin.

A few days ago the deacon's sister, Mrs. Rev. James Hughes, died. Her dying request was that the choir should sing "Nearer, My God, to Thee," with organ accompaniment, at the funeral.

The deacon objected so strongly that he was partially promised that the organ would be left out.

The remains were taken to the little country church. The mourners and friends were seated. Deacon Cabble was deeply affected, but he was on the alert, and kept one eye constantly on the amen corner, where the organ and choir were stationed.

The preacher announced that in accordance with the dying wish of the deceased sister the choir would sing "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

The organist arose and raised the end of the instrument. The deacon started and turned pale.

As the first note came from the "Devil's music box" Deacon Cabble arose and walked out of the house. As swiftly as his age would permit he walked down the road until he was beyond the hateful sound. He waited at the cemetery until the procession arrived and then rejoined the mourners.

MOSES MEYER PURPOSES TO LIVE FOR A CENTURY AND A QUARTER IN ST. LOUIS.

HIS AGE IS NOW SIXTY-FIVE YEARS.

"SIXTY-TWO years and a half I have lived in St. Louis, and I expect to live here for sixty-two years and a half more. I have been in business fifty-two years. I have told my family that I will take care of them for forty years more. After that I will take care of myself. I expect to live to be 125 years old, barring accident or suicide, and I am not sure that I will die then. It will all depend on the state of my physical machinery at that time. If my body is well preserved I will keep on living. If it is worn out, like the works of a clock, I will die."

Moses Meyer, 65 years old, healthy, vigorous, bright of eye and filled with unbounded confidence in the truth of his theories concerning the human body, beat his fist upon the desk by which he was sitting, to emphasize his remarks.

Mr. Meyer resides at 1121 Whittier street. With his son he is engaged in the business of moving safes and heavy machinery. He has been following the same business for more than half a century. He expects to keep on moving safes for nearly half of another century.

He has hurled defiance in the face of death. He laughs at disease. He offers a reward to any human being who will find anything wrong with his constitution. He expects to be living when two-thirds of the minors of to-day are dead.

He claims that he has shortened his life twelve or fifteen years by making dangerous experiments on himself for the benefit of science. His theory is that disease can come from only two sources—congestion and contusion. To prove this he has mashed his foot, he has crushed his hand, and he has given himself various diseases. Once his enthusiasm came near costing him his life. He gave himself congestion of the bowels. He got more than he bargained for, including two or three other diseases, and became paralyzed from the waist down. But even then he fooled the doctors by going to work the next morning.

He says he has not had an ache or a pain for twenty years, excepting such as he has given himself. He never expects to have another. He is done with disease. He looks to be all he claims.

Mr. Meyer is 6 feet in height. He weighs 170 pounds. His skin is as clear as a child's. His hand is like a giant's. His bones are big; his flesh firm. His eye is bright and he does not require glasses. His hair is gray, but not very thin. His forehead is broad; his chin sharp. He is very strong. He rises from 4 to 6 o'clock a. m., as circumstances may require, and works until nightfall. Frequently he goes all day without eating. He is stronger and more active than he was twenty-five years ago. In winter he wears two suits of heavy woolen underwear, and never dons an overcoat unless the mercury is at 20 below zero.

He wears a plain black suit, a white shirt and a black string tie and a heavy fur cap. In appearance he is not unlike a hale old doctor who has just returned from a long drive through the country. He is voluble and speaks very rapidly.

"If I can find any man who can do my work," he says, "I will pay him triple wages."

He was born in Germany. He came to St. Louis with his parents at the age of 2½ years, and has resided here ever since. When he dies he expects to be a long time dead. Therefore he will get the best of life while he has an opportunity.

If through no fault of his own the tide of the battle of existence should be turned against him and he should be overwhelmed he would commit suicide. So he says.

He does not smoke or chew, but he takes a drink when he happens to want it. He does not believe that either tobacco or whisky in moderation is harmful.

"It is like a razor," he says, by way of comparison. "I may use it to shave with, or I may cut my throat with it."

Mr. Meyer is the author of a pamphlet of forty-five pages entitled "Facts About Common Diseases."

"The man who will read that book and follow its teachings need not die for years and years to come, unless he wants to commit suicide," declared Mr. Meyer. "If he will do as I direct it will be impossible for him to contract a disease; and it is the easiest thing in the world.

"The main principle of my theory is very simple. Warmth is life; cold is death. The doctor's advice is: 'Keep your feet warm and your head cool.' But this is all wrong. I keep my feet cool and my head warm. My feet contain no vital organs, and therefore cannot suffer. My head contains the most delicate organs of my body, and therefore demands the most careful attention.

"Disease can come from only two sources—congestion and contusion. Of the first fact I have been convinced for many years. The second I discovered by accident.

"There is no disease of the vital organs that cannot be cured by the timely application of a poultice consisting of one part mustard and three parts flax seed meal.

"This fact I learned about thirty years ago, when my first child died. He had been sick for six months. He became worse all the time. Finally the doctor said: 'I will try a mustard and flax seed poultice.' He did so, and it gave the child relief, but he died. I said to my wife: 'Why didn't he try that at first?' I resolved to test it, and I did. I found that such a poultice would relieve any kind of inflammation that ever happened. I have used nothing since, and I have cured the ills of my own family and the afflictions of hundreds of others. There is no use of a man becoming a little angel unless he wants to.

"Once I sprained my right hand. It swelled up and my arm became affected as far as the elbow. I tried a poultice on it, and inside of a few days it was well.

HE BELIEVES IN ETERNAL DEATH.



MOSES MEYER. Drawn from life.

LONGEVITY, HE CLAIMS, IS EASY.

But I was not satisfied with that. One day I purposely dropped a heavy piece of timber on my right foot. It was badly bruised and became inflamed. I applied one of my poultices and cured it without any trouble. Still not satisfied, I partly crushed my hand one day, by way of experiment, and cured it readily in the same way. Then I became convinced that contusion is the second and only source of disease to a vital organ, and I have acted on that principle ever since.

"I have made many experiments on myself in this line. Being satified that three-fourths of man's diseases come from congestion caused by a cold, I experimented on this line in a number of instances. I hold that a man can contract any particular disease by exposing that part of the body liable to be affected. Several years ago I resolved to give myself inflammation of the bowels. I took a hot bath from the waist down, kept on the two heavy undershirts I was wearing and then exposed myself to a cold draft. Next morning I had sharp pains in my abdomen, but went to work. By noon I was in a bad condition, and about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when I went into the office of the American Refrigerator Company, at Third and Market streets, I suddenly fell to the floor paralyzed. I had to be hauled home. Out of curiosity I sent for a doctor, just to see what he would say. You see, I knew what was the matter with me. He didn't. He wanted to treat me for paralysis. He gave me a prescription. I asked him what was in it. He refused to tell me. I said I would not have it filled unless he would name the contents. I said: 'You are going to fill me up with morphine.' He said: 'Well, suppose I do?' I said: 'You will ease my pain without doing me any good.' He said I was wrong. I contended he didn't know what was the matter with me. 'You have not examined,' I said. 'My leg may be broken, but how are you going to know, if it is under cover?'

"He couldn't answer.

"I said: 'Doctor, I am going to tear up this prescription. I will bet you $50 that if you will come around here at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning I will be gone.'

"He said I was foolish, but he didn't take the bet. But the next morning he came around to satisfy his curiosity, and sure enough, I was gone. After he left I applied hot poultices to my abdomen to draw out the inflammation which I had caused by exposing myself to a draft, and by morning all the pain was gone, because I had removed the source.

"If I had trusted myself in that doctor's hands I would have died before morning.

"You see, I had contracted more cold than I counted on. I had not only got inflammation of the bowels, but had caused my kidneys and muscular and nervous systems to be affected, and the result was paralysis. To cure the paralysis it was only necessary to remove the inflammation.

"Now, please don't understand that I am opposed to doctors as individuals. I have a son-in-law who is a doctor. I simply claim that they don't know anything. Ninety-nine persons out of a hundred who die are killed by the doctors. If a doctor fails to cure a case of sickness he has in charge, what right has he to try to collect a bill? It's robbery. Not only that, but God Almighty will hold him responsible for the life of the person he tried to cure.

"What do you think? The doctor I called in that time had the nerve to send in a bill for two visits and one prescription. I said to his representative: 'What does this mean? In the first place, I did not take his prescription; in the second place, he did not cure me, and in the third place, he came around only to see whether I was as big a fool as he thought me. Now, you go back and tell your doctor that I will pay this bill on one condition. If he will come down to my house at any time he may name and let me talk to him two hours, I will teach him more about sick people than he ever knew in his life.'

"He never came, and I never paid the bill.

"You see, these doctors practice on guinea pigs or rabbits or cut up dead people. I practice on a live man—myself. Therefore I know something. They don't."

Mr. Meyer claims that his treatment will cure pneumonia, quick consumption, lingering consumption, inflammation of the bowels, ordinary fevers, lockjaw, lumbago, sciatic nerve pains, incipient catarrh, cholera, diphtheria, neuralgia, peritonitis, rheumatism, spinal meningitis, softening of the brain, Bright's disease and appendicitis.

He does not pretend to cure these diseases after they have become chronic, but he offers a reward for any case he cannot cure in its incipiency.

In his pamphlet Mr. Meyer says concerning longevity:

"Some people live to be 90 or 100 years old. But they only live it by accident—not by any rule or arrangement. It just so happens. They had no knowledge which would enable they to say positively, 'I will live to be 100 years old.' So they just lived on till the first squall came, and then they became little angels.

"With me it is different. I claim to be able to live 125 years by rule, by knowledge that I have gained by experimenting on myself during the last thirty-five years. I claim that no disease of nature such as I have herein named can kill me. When I die it will be because the laws of nature have run out their time, and the muscular and nervous systems, having performed their duties, have run down and relaxed. When I reach that condition I will probably lie down some night to sleep and there will be no awakening. My body will be just like an eight-day clock, which, when neglected and allowed to run down, stops for want of motive power.

"There is no telling how long a man can prolong his life. If he takes no disease to shorten life, it is a question with me whether at the age of 125 years his vitality will be so run down that he will die of senility.

"I have probably shortened my life twelve or fifteen years by experimenting on myself with severe tests, which no doubt injured my constitution materially, yet at the age of 65 I am a better man by 25 per cent than at any other time of my life. I am positive that I can live sixty years longer."

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP THE ISSUE AND JOHN SHERMAN'S NEPHEW IS THE CORPORATIONS' CANDIDATE.

Hot Fight for the Mayoralty of Des Moines on the Expediency of the City Owning Gas and Water Works and Street Railways Is Now On and Will Not Be Settled Till Spring.

DES MOINES, Io., Dec. 20.

Special to the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

THE hottest municipal fight in the history of the city has opened. Municipal ownership is the keynote, and the final fight of the corporations against it is to be made. Campaign buttons will adorn every lapel, bands will play, speakers orate, and business be greatly interfered with until next April, when the question will be settled at the polls.

Four years ago John MacVicar made a fight for the Republican nomination for Mayor. He lost by four votes. Two years ago he made a contest and won, defeating Fred Macartney, a prominent hotel man. His principal contest was made against the water company, which has charged what it pleased for years. Incidentally the street car company, with its street-grabbing propensities; the gas company, which wisely laid down after a two years' fight, and the electric light company, which now has a case in court, came in for attention. MacVicar's term has not been entirely successful, for the Aldermen elected with him have been against him. They refused to stand on the platform and have retarded municipal ownership in many ways.

Until ten days ago the contest against MacVicar has been made on the same old grounds—opposition to municipal ownership on the theory that it is expensive, leading to corruption of city officials, and not a success wherever tried. Since the announcement of John Sherman, a nephew of John Sherman, Secretary of State in McKinley's Cabinet, as a candidate for Mayor a complete change of front has been taken and practically everybody in town is for municipal ownership, from the attorneys of the water and other corporations down. In fact, it is startling, the number of converts the movement has suddenly acquired. Sherman will within a few days issue a long manifesto to the public, which, it is understood, is being prepared by A. B. Cummins, attorney for the water company, in which he will make the most radical demands for municipal ownership of all semi-public corporations, far more radical than MacVicar's platform, which is the same as two years ago. It is a well-known fact that the corporations are behind Sherman and that he has a large campaign fund, probably $5,000 at least. It is a novel method of procedure, which will confuse many people, and the outcome of the contest will be closely watched, particularly as MacVicar was only recently elected President of the National League of Municipalities, and has a standing the country over as a worker for municipal ownership.

DES MOINES' MAYOR ON MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

To the Editor of the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

FOUR years ago, in company with a number of public spirited citizens in Des Moines, we undertook to bring about a reduction of water rates by municipal control. We succeeded in having passed a regulating ordinance reducing water rates 33 1-3 per cent, saving to our citizens, directly and indirectly, over $50,000 annually, and causing a reduction in the tax levy for public rentals from 5 mills to 2 mills. A similar movement caused a reduction of over 30 per cent on gas rates and 35 per cent on rates for electric lights.

The platform on which I was elected to the office of Mayor two years ago was for municipal ownership, municipal control and reduction of taxes. This platform caused the issue of municipal ownership and control to be placed before the people for the first time. The result was I was nominated by acclamation in the convention, after a fierce fight in which every franchise corporation in the city took part against me. I believe my record as an official has been such that I can enter the coming contest upon the same identical platform, and expect even more pronounced opposition from the corporations holding franchises in the city of Des Moines. During my administration city taxes have been reduced about 6 mills.

I have faith in the ultimate triumph of the cause of municipal ownership in America and believe this reform, linked together with civil service in municipalities, will place American cities in a position second to none in good and economical city government.

JOHN M'VICAR,
Mayor of Des Moines.

Des Moines, Io., Dec. 17.

JOHN SHERMAN FAVORS MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

To the Editor of the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

RESPONDING to your request for a brief statement of my views upon the most prominent phase of municipal affairs I desire to say that I am unqualifiedly in favor of cities owning and operating water-works, gas-works, electric light plants and any other public instrumentalities essential to the comfort, convenience and welfare of the people.

I believe that with ownership will come such a sense of responsibility as will enable cities to operate these properties as cheaply and economically as they can be operated by private corporations and, therefore, that under municipal ownership the consumer will secure the service at the fair and reasonable cost of performing it.

I appreciate the fact that the acquisition or construction of the works themselves will involve great outlay, but the law of Iowa wisely leaves to the voters of the municipality the question when and how the burden shall be assessed and I shall at all times be found advocating the submission to the people of every proposition looking to the acquirement, whether by construction or purchase, of such public properties. Respectfully,

JOHN SHERMAN,
Republican Candidate for Mayor.

Des Moines, Io., Dec. 17.

LONGEVITY IS EASY TO ATTAIN, ACCORDING TO THE FORMULA OF SIR JAMES SAWYER OF ENGLAND.

THE following rules have been drawn up by Sir James Sawyer, a physician of Birmingham, England, as embodying the secret of longevity. Sir James sees no reason why any one who will faithfully follow them should not live to the age of 100:

1. Eight hours' sleep.
2. Sleep on your right side.
3. Keep your bedroom window open all night.
4. Have a mat to your bedroom door.
5. Do not have your bedstead against the wall.
6. No cold tub in the morning, but a bath at the temperature of the body.
7. Exercise before breakfast.
8. Eat little meat and see that it is well cooked.
9. (For adults) Drink no milk.
10. Eat plenty of fat, to feed the cells which destroy disease germs.
11. Avoid intoxicants, which destroy those cells.
12. Daily exercise in the open air.
13. Allow no pet animals in your living-rooms. They are apt to carry about disease germs.
14. Live in the country if you can.
15. Watch the three D's—drinking water, damp and drains.
16. Have change of occupation.
17. Take frequent and short holidays.
18. Limit your ambition.
19. Keep your temper.

BY DR. JOHN A. LEAVY:

1. Eight hours' sleep.
2. Sleep on your right side.
3. Do not have your bedstead against the wall.
4. Bathe every morning in water of temperature of body.
6. Eat little meat. See that beef is rare and veal well done.
7. Do not eat too much fat.
8. When you feel an inclination to drink too much, stop taking intoxicants. Everything made to eat or drink is good in moderation.
9. Take daily exercise on foot or on horseback, but not on the bicycle.
10. Allow no pet animals in your bedroom.
11. Live in the city if you can.
12. Watch the three D's.
13. Take frequent holidays.
14. Relax after business hours.
15. Limit your ambition.
16. Keep your temper.

I consider Sir John Sawyer's rules excellent, except in a few details. I always sleep on my right side, but I do not see how an ironclad regulation to that effect can be laid down. It is a matter that depends entirely on the condition of the heart.

As to intoxicants, I think all good things are beneficial if properly taken. When there is any danger of over indulgence they should be discontinued.

I believe that life in a city is more conducive to longevity than life in the country. A man in the city has more conveniences and luxuries and more diversion to draw his mind away from his troubles, and that constant occupation in one form or another requisite to right living.

BY DR. A. C. BERNAYS:

1. Eight hours' sleep.
2. Keep your bedroom window open in any climate and at all seasons.
3. Do not have your bedstead against the wall.
4. Bathe at temperature of body every morning.
5. Exercise before breakfast.
6. Eat little meat, well cooked.
7. Drink milk unless otherwise instructed by physician.
8. Avoid eating too much fat.
9. Avoid whisky and drink beer and wine in moderation.
10. Exercise daily in open air.
11. Allow no pet animals in your bedroom.
12. Live in the country if you can.
13. Watch the three D's.
14. Let business alone after business hours.
15. Take frequent short holidays for absolute rest.
16. Limit your ambition after you are 40.
17. Keep your temper.

I should reject four of Sir James Sawyer's rules. I do not think it necessary to sleep on the right side. The statement that plenty of fat should be eaten is not in accordance with the best authorities or with my observation. I do not agree with Sir James that adults should drink no milk. I must reject his rule requiring a mat at the bedroom door, because life is too short to try to determine what the rule means.

Even though the rules be followed closely, I think hereditary incumbrances will prevent most of us from living more than seventy years.

I would amend Sir James' sweeping rule regarding intoxicants so as to except beer and wine in moderation.

BY DR. BRANSFORD LEWIS:

1. Eight hours' sleep.
2. Keep your bedroom window open.
3. Do not have your bed against the wall.
4. Bathe at temperature of body in the morning.
5. Moderate exercise before breakfast.
6. Eat meat once a day at the noon meal.
7. Drink milk. It is a good article of diet.
8. Eat fat if digestion will permit.
9. Avoid all intoxicants and tobacco in all forms.
10. Take daily open air exercise.
11. Allow no pet animals in living rooms.
12. Live in the country if possible.
13. Watch the three D's.
14. Have change of occupation.
15. Take frequent short holidays.
16. Limit your ambition.
17. Keep your temper.
18. Never worry.
19. Drink a great deal of water between meals.
20. Be moderate in the use of even those things which promote health.

I believe moderation in all things is the keystone of a well-rounded life. I have my doubts as to the efficacy of sleeping on the right side. Dr. Sawyer's requirement that a mat be kept at the bedroom door is too English for me. I cannot see its use. Sedentary people should not eat much meat, even when it does not impair their digestion. The principal evil effects of too much meat is that its weight causes a strain on the kidneys and liver. Meat eating is the most potent cause of Bright's disease. I class tobacco with intoxicants. Few people can use it without serious injury.

BY DR. WALTER B. DORSETT:

1. Eight hours' sleep.
2. Keep your bedroom window open all night.
3. Have a mat at your bedroom door.
4. No cold tub in the morning, but a bath at the temperature of the body.
5. Exercise before breakfast.
6. Eat little meat and see that it is well cooked.
7. Drink pure milk.
8. Eat plenty of fat to feed the cells which destroy disease germs.
9. Avoid intoxicants, which destroy those cells.
10. Daily exercise in the open air.
11. Allow no pet animals in your living rooms.
12. Live in the country if you can.
13. Watch the three D's—drinking water, damp and drains.
14. Have change of occupation.
15. Take frequent and short holidays.
16. Limit your ambition.
17. Keep your temper.

The most important rules for longevity are keep your temper, limit your ambition and avoid intoxicants. Every man who observes these faithfully should have a healthy constitution. I assume that there are no hereditary disorders. The idea that one must sleep on his right side is foolish. As refreshing sleep can be secured in other positions, and I don't know that it makes any difference whether the bed is against the wall or not.

Frequent and short holidays is a most excellent rule to follow, but how many of us medical practitioners, in particular, can afford it? I am a firm believer in the old Mosaic law—eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation and eight hours for sleep.

BY DR. H. C. DALTON:

1. Eight hours' sleep.
2. Change positions in your sleep.
3. Keep your bedroom window open all night.
4. Have a mat to your bedroom door.
5. Do not have your bedstead against the wall.
6. In the morning a bath at the temperature of the body.
7. Exercise before breakfast.
8. Eat little meat and see that it is well cooked.
9. Drink plenty of pure milk.
10. Eat plenty of fat to feed the cells which destroy disease germs.
11. Avoid intoxicants, which destroy those cells.
12. Daily exercise in the open air.
13. Allow no pet animals in your living rooms. They are apt to carry about disease germs.
14. Live in the country if you can.
15. Watch the three D's—drinking water, damp and drains.
16. Have change of occupation.
17. Take frequent and short holidays.
18. Limit your ambition.
19. Keep your temper.
20. Take a short nap after lunch.

Those rules are all excellent with the exception of the advice to adults to drink no milk. Good milk is an excellent diet for everybody. With the short nap I have added, I have no hesitancy in saying that a strict observance of the rules will bring to any man a ripe old age. Sleeping on the right side is not necessary. A change of position often insures easier repose.

BY DR. R. C. ATKINSON:

1. Eight hours' sleep.
2. Sleep on your right side.
3. Keep your bedroom well ventilated.
4. Do not have your bedstead against the wall.
5. No cold tub in the morning, but a bath at the temperature of the body.
6. Exercise before breakfast.
7. Eat little meat and see it is well cooked.
8. Drink milk slowly.
9. Eat plenty of fat to feed the cells which destroy disease germs.
10. Avoid intoxicants, which destroy those cells.
11. Daily exercise in the open air.
12. Allow no pet animals in your living rooms.
13. Live in the country if you can.
14. Watch the three D's—drinking water, damp and drains.
15. Take frequent and short holidays.
16. Limit your ambition.
17. Keep your temper.
18. Wear wool or silk next to the skin in fever and malarial countries.
19. Keep your head cool, feet warm and have regular habits.
20. Keep your skin clean.
21. Avoid tobacco.

Few people realize the importance of sleeping on the right side. It is to prevent the liver, the largest organ in the body, from pressing upon other parts and obstructing or rendering deficient digestion. Everybody should drink plenty of good milk. Don't gulp it down, but have it heated, not boiled, and drink slowly. With the rules I have added the attainment of long life will be found no secret at all.

BY DR. H. H. MUDD:

1. Eight hours' sleep.
3. Ventilated bed-room.
6. Bath in the morning.
7. Exercise daily.
8. Well-cooked meat.
11. Avoid intoxicants and tobacco.
12. Keep your temper.

My advice would be: Eight hours' sleep, a ventilated bed-room; plenty of exercise; well-cooked nourishing food; the avoidance of intoxicants and tobacco; an even temper; a little excitement and a daily bath in water not too cold.

BEAUX WHO CAN COOK ADD LIFE TO VANITY FAIR.

Come forward, pale and slender youth,
With tongue that gabbles with agility,
And tell us all, and tell the truth,
What claims you have to versatility;
Wherein reposes your ability;
The rare accomplishments you claim;
Tell us in what you have facility,
And on what rests your social fame.

What claims have you to good society?
Cans't handle chafing-dish or pan,
And feed us all to sweet satiety,
As many a lovely maiden can?
Oh, tell us, Pink of Prim Propriety,
Whate'er the name, or Dick or Dan,
And tell us all with due sobriety,
What can you feed your fellow-man?

"BEIRNE KINNEY of Virginia, do you know how to cook?"

"Good Lawd, no!"

"Do you mean to say that you never superintended the making of a Welsh rarebit or a lobster Newberg?"

"Yes, indeedy—but you certainly don't call that cooking? I reckon I've had mo' fun with a chafin' dish than any man my size in Virginia. But I didn't call it cookin'! It's just concoctin'."

"What your favorite concoction, then?"

"Oh, les' see! I reckon I like scalloped oysters or a rabbit—or—well, I declare I don't really know which I do like best."

"How do you concoct scalloped oysters, Mr. Kinney? Will you kindly write your recipe on this piece of paper?"

"Certainly—certainly."

And this is what he wrote:

Let chafing-dish get red-hot.

Then put in lump of butter size egg, and half glass of cream.

When these get pretty hot, dump in oysters, drained.



BEIRNE KINNEY.

Then stir in some cracker crumbs, well mashed.

More butter.

Season with red and black pepper and salt.

Put the cover on and cook it all awhile.

When done, serve. Buttered toast, salted almonds, Riesling and other things go well with this.

"NAME?"

"Herbert Sellner."

"Herbert Sellner, can you cook?"

"I can."

"What can you cook best?"

"Welsh rarebit."

"Please write your recipe for Welch rarebit."

And he wrote:

Melt some butter in the chafing-dish, and then put in the cheese, cut in very small pieces.

Stir constantly while melting.

When almost melted, pour in a little beer.

Keep on stirring.

Sprinkle one teaspoon salt and one teaspoonful red pepper.

More beer.

Don't stop stirring.

And then more beer, using altogether, for the whole rarebit, about half a glassful.

When it is well melted and quite smooth, pour in one egg, well beaten.

And then stir all together, very rapidly.

When mixed, turn the alcohol flame very low, and serve the rarebit on hot toasted crackers.

Be sure the plates are hot, and the beer cold, and ready to drink, by the time the rarebit is cooked.

"EDWIN HAY, how did you become famous?"

"Welsh rarebits!"

"Can you write?"

"Only words of two syllables."

"Then do your best in writing your recipe for Welsh rarebit."

The result is as follows:

Melt some butter in the dish.

Put in two cupfuls of grated cheese, and let it melt.

Be sure to stir all the time.

Every few minutes, while cheese is melting, pour in a little milk.



EDWIN HAY.

Sprinkle in lots of paprika, salt and black pepper.

When smooth put in a cup of crisp bread crumbs, and when mixed pour in a little more milk.

After these are well stirred together, pour in four or five well-beaten eggs.

Serve on crisp, but not hard, toast.

"This is more of a cheese fondu than anything else, but 'Welsh rarebit' is more understandable."

"JAMES PATRICK BIRGE, what can you do besides talk?"

"I can make things."

"What can you make?"

"Anything from a flour paste to a bad name—for myself."

"Well, give me a recipe for your favorite chafing-dish delicacy."

"Lobster a la Newberg?"

"Go ahead."

"Must I write it?"

"Yes."

"Well, I can't. I broke my arm in the last foot ball game I played."

"Print it, then, with the other hand."

He did:

Get a big lobster and cut best par in small pieces.

Butter chafing-dish and put in with salt and things.

Pour over wine, about half glass; cook ten minutes.

Then three beaten yolks eggs and half pint cream.

Serve, when boiled, on hot plates, with buttered toast.

"EDWARD L. MEADE, JR., what can you do to make others happy?"

"I can look like a gargoyle."

"Anything else?"

"Well, I can work a chafing-dish to beat the band."



EDWARD L. MEADE, JR.

"What is your specialty?"

"Shrimp a la Creole."

"And how do you prepare it?"

First rub the bottom of the chafing-dish with garlic, and then melt a big tablespoonful of butter.

Then put in half a can of tomatoes and half an onion, chopped very fine.

Then a few bread crumbs.

When this boils to about the consistency of thick chili sauce, season it well with paprika, salt and chopped parsley.

Then add a pint of fresh shrimps and let it all cook ten minutes.

When it is ready, it should be served on hot French toast with a nice shower bath of the "cup that cheers."

"This recipe was given to my brother by one of the finest chefs in New Orleans."

"YOU are Aderton Samuel, are you not?"

"That is the name which is usually applied to me."

"There is a rumor afloat that you are a genius in creating scalloped oysters."

"It's a mistake. I never use them."

"Can't you even make a lobster Newberg?"

"Not a lob. But I can stir up the smoothest rarebit you ever tasted."

"Let's hear about it."

"We're off."

Pound and a half of fine New York cheese cut in small squares, teaspoonful of dry mustard, cayenne pepper, half pint of ale and toast.

Melt a lump of butter in the chafing-dish and put in your cheese, seasoned with the other things.

After a minute, during which you stir things up pretty lively, add a little ale, and continue to add your half pint very slowly to prevent the burning of the cheese. When it is all melted, and looks like cake batter, pour it on toast and eat it.

"Beer ad libitum goes with this."

Mrs. Conkling's Art Reception.

MRS. N. B. CONKLING, assisted by her pupils and by her sister, Mrs. Victoria Conkling Whitney, gave an art reception Wednesday from 10 in the morning to 10 at night at her studio in the Studio building. Two rooms were used for the exhibition. In one were hung examples of the work of the pupils. Mrs. Conkling's own pictures filled the other. About 300 leading artists and prominent people attended. Among the pictures of Mrs. Conkling which were particularly admired were a hunting scene, which was exhibited at the Nashville Exposition, figures in the nude, a character study from life of a colored woman, an interior and a game piece which was so perfect that many of the visitors touched it to satisfy themselves that it was only canvas.

The rooms were brilliantly illuminated at night. There was music and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Nugent's Big Reception.

PERHAPS the most brilliant and elaborate afternoon reception of the season was that given Wednesday afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock, by Mrs. Byron Nugent in honor of her sister and guest, Mrs. Harrison Peck of New York. The palatial Nugent residence in Westmoreland place was brilliantly illuminated, and no expense was spared in the decorating. The carriage entrance was thrown open to admit the guests, while the main entrance and vestibule were converted into a temporary conservatory filled with giant palms, ferns and growing plants of many varieties. The larger conservatory, which adjoins the dining room, was divided into four little tete-a-tete rooms, lighted by Oriental lamps, shaded in red and yellow. The dining-room, paneled in polished English oak, with green and gold frieze, was decorated in pink. From the chandelier above the table hung an immense pink globe covered with a network of bridemaids roses and white orchids. Under this globe was a cluster of incandescent electric lights wreathed with smilax. In the center of the table was a tall, slender crystal vase filled with pink orchids, and this vase in turn stood in a big cut-glass bowl overflowing with a mass of pink roses and maiden-hair fern.

The receiving party, including Mrs. Byron Nugent, Mrs. Dan Nugent, Mrs. Peck and Mrs. F. C. Lake, were stationed in a Mermet roses with sprays of Roman hyacinths were artistically arranged on the mantel and on small tables, while palms and other tropical plants were prettily grouped about the room. In the center of the dining table stood a big bowl of La France roses mingled with white orchids and at each end were heavy silver candelabra with pink shades. Ropes of smilax and streamers of pink ribbon were crossed diagonally on the table and knotted in large bows at the corners. The frappe, tinted a delicate rose color, was served by Misses Alice Orthwein, May Saussenthaler, Margaret Ehlermann and Snyder. They were all gowned in pale pink with big hats to match.

Mrs. Busch wore a handsome toilette of black velvet trimmed with superb point lace. Diamonds were in her hair and at her throat.

Mrs. Stickney was gowned in Nile green taffeta combined with black velvet and point duchesse lace. About four hundred ladies were present.

A Bevy of Debutantes.

THE informal tea given to debutantes by Miss Clara L. V. Bain at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon was an uncommonly enjoyable affair. About thirty girls were present, all of whom were this season's society buds. The decorations were of Christmas greens, with a big bouquet of Jacqueminot roses in the center of the table, and sprays of holly and mistletoe scattered in pretty disorder over the snowy cloth. Miss Mimi Berthold served the cafe frappe and ices, and Misses Clemence Clark and Adele Mellier poured the chocolate. Miss Bain was assisted in receiving by her sister, Miss Louise Bain.

Some of the guests on this occasion were:

Misses—
Anna Spencer,
Grace Gale,
May Pannell,
Felicia Judson,
Marie Von Phul,
Josephine Cobb,
Irene Sanford,
Agnes Delafield,

Misses—
Edith Franciscus,
Lucy Hutchinson,
Maude Niedringhaus,
Lily Belle Pierce,
Irene Kelly,
Louise Espenschied,
Elsie Ford.

conversed on the character and misfortunes of the beautiful woman. The next of the widow series will be Anne of Austria. Some members of the class are Miss Mary Triplett, Mrs. Louis Doggett, Miss Marian Jones, Mrs. Frank Lee, Miss Lizzie Green, Mrs. Edwin Harrison, Mrs. Edward Fowler, Mrs. Wyman, Mrs. Butler and Miss Scott.

Tuesday evening the Novel Club met in the Non-Sectarian Church. The subject for discussion was the story, "A Pound of Cure," which Dr. John Snyder analyzed with his accustomed power, making striking application of its theories and delineations. Points brought forward were a wife's responsibility and the effects of legislation upon gambling. There was a little talk as to whether grab-bags, raffles, etc., were likely to develop a love of games of hazard and chance in the young.

The ladies of the Pioneer Club will carry out the following programme Friday, Dec. 24: Chorus, "The Battle Hymn"; paper, "The Year 1776," Mrs. B. Hirschfeld; recitation, "Paul Revere's Ride," Miss Florence Isaacs; sketch of Israel Putnam, Miss Fanny Sale; piano solo, Mrs. G. Lippman; reading, "Grandmother's Story of Bunker Hill," Mrs. M. J. Lowenstein; paper, "Historic Landmarks," Mrs. M. Goldstein; mandolin solo, Miss Rachel Baer.

Misses Swift's Dancing Party.

THE Misses Swift of 3507 Washington avenue gave a pleasant little dancing party Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Miss Alice Clark assisted in receiving. The house was prettily decorated in palms, American Beauties and pink roses. After a programme of fourteen dances supper was served. Among the guests were:

Misses—
Julia Eno,
Mathilda Eno,
Martha Todd,
Effie Stuart,
Florence Bierman,
Charlotte Nelson.
Lucille Overstolz,

Misses—
Constance Smith,
Estelle Smith,
Nell Nicholson,
Ann Johnson,
Eugenia Jones,
Kate Zeigler,

Messrs.—
Harry Sprague,
Charles Biggers,

Messrs.—
Jo Howard,
Jim Throughman,



GEORGE BLUTHARDT. From a Photograph.

THE opera "Mikado," as produced at the Pickwick Theater Thursday night under the direction of Mr. George Bluthardt, was an immense success. The principals in the performance were all good vocalists, well suited to their parts, while the work of the chorus would have done credit to professionals. The costuming was unusually pretty and the stage pictures charming.

The young musical director, George Bluthardt, is without doubt one of the most talented musicians in St. Louis. He is only 19 years of age, but for the past three years has been organist and choirmaster of Trinity Episcopal Church. He is a pupil of Kroeger and is making rapid strides in his musical education. He is very much in earnest, an indefatigable worker and an enthusiastic lover of good music.

The chorus in "Mikado" Thursday night proclaimed distinctly that young Bluthardt's vocation should be that of a musical director. The work of the singers under his direction was artistic and vigorous. The grouping was poor, but that fault may be laid at the stage manager's door. One of the most remarkable facts in regard to Mr. Bluthardt's life is that he is carrying on his musical studies while attending the High School. He is, in fact, a mere schoolboy, and yet he has accomplished what other men have worked years to attain.

The cast in "Mikado" was as follows:

Mikado	Geo. R. Dickson
Nanki Poo	W. A. Collins
Ko-Ko	John Robson
Pooh-Bah	W. H. Horton
Pish Tush	F. O. Sessinghaus
Yum Yum	Miss N. Brodsid
Pitti Sing	Miss L. Swaine
Peep Bo	Miss H. L. Pickles
Katisha	Miss Ella Jacobs



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BRIDES' PICTURES IN STYLE AGAIN.

THE cycle of time has again brought into style the fashion of brides having their photographs taken in all their wedding finery. For years it has been considered "dreadfully tacky" to have such likenesses made, but the practice has recently become a fad in St. Louis and some of the most prominent girls in society have photographs of this kind in their albums. In the windows of every fashionable photograph gallery there may be seen pictures of filmy vells, satin robes and traces of orange blossoms still clinging to glossy locks. Two of the prettiest brides' pictures of the season are of Mrs. J. Will Boyd, formerly Miss Newby, and Mrs. Howard Benoist, formerly Miss Agnes Foy. Others among the most beautiful photographs of recent brides are those of Mrs. Lindell Gordon, Mrs. Keene Harwood, Mrs. Jean R. Papin, Mrs. Ernest Boogher and the Countess de Penaloza.

Mrs. Warren's Luncheon.

ON Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Andrew Warren gave a "stand up" luncheon to thirty ladies in honor of Miss Evadue Rumsey and Miss Bernardette Kelley. Mrs. Warren's beautiful home, on Washington boulevard, was adorned in red and white, Easter lilies being arranged in clusters in the drawing-room and library, while red roses and Roman hyacinths formed a central decoration for the dining table. The affair was thoroughly enjoyable.

Some of Mrs. Warren's guests were:

Mesdames—
Dan Houser,
Palmer Clarkson,
John Terry,
Albert Terry,
Warren Goddard,
Charles Scudder,

Mesdames—
John McCarty,
Max Kotany,
Charles Muldrin,
Dickson Walsh,
Wm. Stickney,
C. W. Blow.

Misses—
Marie Hayes,
Louise Simpson,
Nell McCormack,
Mabelle Greene,
Alby Plant,
Maude Simpson,
Louise Espenschied,
Bessie Semple,
Josephine Lee,
Genevieve Hebert,

Misses—
Ella Beers,
Genevieve Wilson,
Francis Billingsley,
Amy Hyde,
Mary Kennard,
Sa' Lees Kennard,
Georgette Boswell,
Bessie Whitelaw,
Mercline.

Arthur Corbett,
Lyle Stuart,
Chester White,
Dick White,
Brighton Humphrey,
Will Nicholson,

Tom Rogers,
Frank Saylor,
Charles Eaton
Rob Atkinson,
Elmer Brown,
Andrew Barada.

The Stag Club's Dance.

ON Wednesday evening the "Stag Club" gave a dance at Mahler's, on Olive street, to about fifty of their friends. After the first seven dances a supper was served in the smaller hall. Some of the members of this club are Messrs. John Donnell, Andrew Barada, Horace Rumsey, Roland Histed, Harry Menzie, Harry Goodfellow, Jo Howard, Ernest Jaccard and Al Jones.

Comic Opera at Ferguson.

THE Ferguson Opera Company presented "A Breach of Promise Suit" Friday evening at the Tiffin Opera House in Ferguson, Mo., with the following cast:

Judge ..... Mr. Ed Tiffin
Plaintiff ..... Miss Eliza Hereford
Counsel for plaintiff ..... Mr. C. A. Cunningham
Defendant ..... Mr. Clarence Condie
Usher ..... Mr. Cole C. Landers
Bridemaids,
Misses Ruth Jordan, M. Manget, Bell, Thompson, F. Manget.
Chorus of Jurymen by the members of Ferguson Minstrel Club.

Upon the conclusion of the operetta a minstrel performance was given by the young men in Ferguson society.

The Misses Chase Entertained.

A DELIGHTFUL reception was given Monday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock by Mrs. Charles Elmer Hickman at her home, 5191 Kensington avenue, in honor of the Misses Chase. The house was decorated with palms and evergreens mingled with holly and mistletoe.

Mrs. Hickman was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Davis and the Misses Chase. Miss Grace Gilbert and Mrs. Bridwell served cafe frappe, Miss May Allen poured the punch and Miss Edna Wright with Mrs. Paul Davis presided over the chocolate table. Miss Ariadne Bowman, the Misses Jones, Miss Ella Wright, Mrs. Harkins and Miss McArthur assisted in a general way in the reception of the guests.

Mrs. Hickman wore a French gown of shirred mousseline de soie over green. Miss Bessie Chase wore a dainty gown of pink and white silk. Mrs. Davis was gowned in green organdie trimmed with white lace, and Miss Gertrude Chase wore white and black striped silk.

St. Louisans Abroad.

IT IS the custom among the American tourists or residents in all the large cities of Germany to celebrate their national Thanksgiving together, and this year the convention was held in Leipsic. A banquet was served Thanksgiving Day at one of the leading hotels, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The decorations are said to have been magnificent.

The United States Consul was present and acted as toastmaster. Short speeches were made and toasts drunk to President McKinley, Queen Victoria, the Emperor of Germany, the King of Saxony and many other notables.

Mrs. Nellie Allen Parcell writes from Berlin that she and Miss Rose Ford (who are both studying music in foreign countries) were present at this elaborate affair. The dinner was followed by a big ball.

Mrs. Cabanne Entertains.

ONE of the prettiest affairs enjoyed by society last week was the luncheon given Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Charless Cabanne in honor of Mrs. Lawrence Pierson, formerly Miss Fannie Cabanne.

The table was effectively decorated with vines and cut flowers, in yellow and green tints. In the center of the table stood a tall cut glass vase, filled with superb Marechal Niel roses relieved by their rich green foliage and sprays of maiden-hair fern. At each place was laid a smaller bouquet of the same flowers, tied with yellow ribbon.

Covers were laid for ten, the guests being Mrs. Pierson's bridemaids, Misses Adele Hart, Lucy Hutchinson, May Farr, Mary Semple, Marie Boland, Frances Allen, Katheryn Boland, Mrs. Alex Kayser, Mrs. Shep. Smith and Mrs. Pierson.

Bridemaids Entertained.

MISS ODILLE FUSZ of McPherson avenue gave a red luncheon at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon to the young ladies who served as bridemaids at the Penaloza-Fusz wedding. The table decorations were of holly and ribbon, with a center piece formed of thirty-six American Beauty roses. At each place was a guest card, prettily decorated, and a cluster of beautiful red roses.

Among the young ladies at the table were Misses Hortense Poulin, Louise Loker, Margaret Gibney, Katherine Duross, Nellie Griswold and Lucille Fusz.

GOSSIP.

MISS FRANCES WILLIAMS has gone to Springfield, Mo., to visit friends for a few days.

The Wednesday Evening White Bow Club gave a progressive euchre Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Charles Colbrum of Maplewood. Some of the guests were Misses Ella Kielty, Ada and Huida Colbrum, Lydia Wenzel, Nora Enright, Bertha and Emma Blanke, Sophie Runai, Kate McElroy, Clara Bemmer, and Messrs. Will Hennings, Geo. Blackmore, Chas. Colbrum, Maurice Goodman, Robert Conway, Philip Parsons, W. Larne, Albert Linde, Fred Scott and others.

Miss Eleanor O'Neil entertained the dancing club of which she is a member last Tuesday evening at her home, 4502 Lindell avenue. The members of this club are Misses Grace and Catherine Cunningham, Florida Reilly, Blanche Duross, Elise Barada, Helen Douglas; Messrs. Andrew Barada, Alvah Wilson, Will Nicholson, Adolph Pasquier and others.

Miss Gertrude Wagoner, who spent several years with her uncle, Capt. J. Wagoner of Wagoner place, was married Tuesday evening to Mr. Charles Foster of New York. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Hooke of New York City.

Miss Mollie Barry entertained the Klondike Euchre Club last Tuesday evening. Prizes were won by Misses Margaret Barry, Viola Watts and Margaret Byrne and Messrs. Harry Hirsch, Neil Burke and Geo. Miller. Miss Maggie Byrne will entertain the club at its next meeting, Dec. 28.

Mrs. E. B. James will leave St. Louis Christmas Day to visit relatives in Virginia. Before returning she will stop at Old Point Comfort, Richmond and Petersburg. Mrs. James is a member of the Beverly family of Virginia.

Engraved stationery in new blue or English violet tint, stamped with monogram, is highly proper as a Christmas gift. Orders should be placed at once to allow time for the work. A. S. Aloe Co., 617 Olive street.

Miss Annie Taylor gave a theater party, chaperoned by Mrs. Joseph Taylor, at the Century Theater Friday evening. Miss Mildred Moore of Texarkana was the guest of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsay will arrive this week from New York City to spend the holidays with their father, Dr. Elisha Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson Meade of Chicago will arrive Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Meade of 2417 Franklin avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tatum have given up their St. Louis home and have gone to Pasadena, Cal., to spend the next six months, in hope of benefiting Mr. Tatum's health.

Mrs. Caroline Brooks, the sculptor, who is the guest of Mrs. E. B. James, modeled before the Pedagogical Society yesterday morning in the High School Auditorium.

Mrs. Philip Crow, Mrs. L. M. Reilly, Mrs. E. G. Crow and Mrs. W. A. Crow gave a reception from 3 to 5 o'clock Friday afternoon at 4425 Forest Park boulevard.

Miss Minnie Ahrens entertained the Comus Euchre Club Tuesday evening, when prizes were won by Miss Hassell, Miss Ahrens, Mr. Skine and Mr. Fagan.

Mrs. W. V. Eberly has returned to her home in Salt Lake City, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Kelley of 4422 West Pine boulevard.

The whist parties given on Tuesday and Saturday by Mrs. John Ockerson and Mrs. Beach were among the most enjoyable society events of the week.

Mrs. J. D. Merrill of Canada was the guest of honor at a reception given Friday afternoon by Mrs. Oscar Herf of Russell avenue.

Mr. Guy Lindsley, supported by his pupils, will give a dramatic performance next Tuesday evening at the Pickwick Theater.

The Frank P. Blair W. R. C. will give a euchre party Monday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Gandolfo, 2129 Oregon avenue.

A pleasant surprise party was given Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. L. Eisenburg at her home, 3025 Morgan street.

The Misses Robinson of 2710 Washington avenue gave a small informal Friday evening to a number of young people.

Mrs. J. W. Coleman of Lexington, Ky., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. Howard Payne of Webster Groves.

Mrs. Bransford Lewis gave an informal tea Friday afternoon in honor of her mother, Mrs. Jaynes of Sedalia.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Block have returned to their home, 4361 Westminster place, after a delightful Eastern trip.

Miss Bernardette Kelley of St. Paul, Minn., will visit Miss Evadne Rumsey before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kauffman will give a large ball Dec. 29 to their guest, Miss Wicker.

Mrs. Zack Tinker of the South Side gave a rose dinner last evening to about twenty guests.

Mrs. P. B. Howell has returned to her home in Florida after a week's stay in the city.

Miss Antonie Lieber gave a musicale Saturday at her studio, 565 Theresa avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. West have gone to Chicago for a brief visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kerr are entertaining Miss Covington of Maryland.

Mrs. H. B. Buck will return in a few days to her home in Springfield, Ill.

Miss Nellie Lee Hull and Mr. Weissing will be married January 28.

Miss Lee Dwyer, a charming Southern girl, is a guest in St. Louis.

Mrs. R. F. Scott of Paris, Tex., has been visiting in St. Louis.

Prof. and Mrs. Henry Allman have moved to 3947 Olive street.

Miss Elizabeth Garth will give a ball Dec. 29 at Mahler's.

Mrs. J. J. Wiseman is visiting here from Jerseyville, Ill.

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NEW GLORIES OF BLENHEIM.

The Gold of the Vanderbilts Restores the Castle.

FOR CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

WITH A LAVISH HAND THE HISTORIC PLACE IS BEING NEWLY DECORATED.

PALACE AND VICARAGE.

A Reconciliation Has Taken Place and Now the Bells of Woodstock May Ring for the Lord and Lady of the Castle.

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.

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LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough intend to signalize the Christmas holidays by a series of attractive entertainments in Blenheim Castle.

The young Duchess (who was Consuelo Vanderbilt), has now completed her task of restoring Blenheim to the magnificence it has not known for a century. She is artistic, and everywhere in the palace is evidence of her decorative tastes. The antiquity of great part of the furniture was its only claim to consideration, while the draperies and hangings were in a moth-eaten, tattered condition, except in a few of the living rooms.

These dilapidated furnishings have been replaced by most elegant modern work, and every room of the huge mansion from end to end has been restored with admirable taste. Walls that were hung with dingy tapestry have been covered with exquisitely tinted French brocades, and heavy silk curtains, copied from renowned models, screen the windows which long have been closed.

The work of renovation has been accomplished with artistic appropriateness, which excites the unfeigned admiration of all visitors. A noteworthy feature in the Duchess' favorite sitting and drawing-rooms and her boudoir is the wealth of lovely flowers that everywhere abound, while photographs of American women are very numerous, and American magazines are scattered about the library, which is furnished in white and red. The Duchess has resolved that the revived glories of Blenheim shall be enjoyed by all of her friends and county neighbors. Harmony has once more been restored between the palace and the vicarage—harmony which was interrupted when the Vicar refused to allow the church bells to be rung when the Duke's father returned to Blenheim with his second wife, Lady Hammersley.

Consuelo, in token of this reconciliation, is organizing two dramatic entertainments for Dec. 30, in aid of a restoration fund for Woodstock Church. The long library of the palace is being fitted with a stage. Clarkson, a famous wigmaker and theatrical costumer, has been at Blenheim this week to consult about dresses for a new and original musical comedy entitled "An Idle Hour," specially written by Mr. Ian Malcolm, M. P., and composed by Mr. C. Perkins, Birmingham City, organist. Ian Malcolm is one of the curled darlings of London's smartest society. He is handsome and talented and in great request. He was formerly an attache at the Paris Embassy and is now one of Lord Salisbury's principal private secretaries.

A series of tableaux is also being arranged in which the Duke and Duchess will participate, as well as in the musical comedy. There is evidently ambition that the costumes shall vie in the point of magnificence and historical accuracy with those of the Devonshire House ball.

The principal festivities will take place between Christmas and New Year's Day and invitations have been issued for a county ball on a grand scale for county notables, while balls for the tenants, the yeomanry and the servants are to follow, while the Duchess has also provided splendid Christmas trees for the children of Woodstock and to neighboring villages. The county is all agog with preparations for these gaities and the popularity of the Duke and Duchess is general.

THERE WAS NO ROMANCE.

Archer, Who Killed Actor Terriss, Simply a Vicious Crank.

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LONDON, Dec. 18.—The murder of William Terriss, the actor, is still the absorbing topic of discussion here. The story that Archer was impelled to murder by jealousy of Terriss' attentions to a dresser at the Adelpi Theater, with whom Archer was in love, is absolutely baseless. Archer is simply a vicious crank who should have been placed under restraint months ago on account of his violent and unprovoked threats against other artists than Terriss. Miss Millward, who had played so long as leading lady with Terriss, has declined to appear in "Secret Service" again and has been released from her contract.

Some unpleasantness has been caused by the Daily Mail statement that Miss Millward was the last person to kiss Terriss alive. The family of the murdered man objected to the publicity given this incident, as the alleged attachment between Terriss and Miss Millward had been long a subject of gossip.

Terriss is declared by John Hollingshead to have been the wealthiest modern actor. In addition from a handsome income from acting, he was a partner in a stock broking firm and was the proprietor of several hotels and had a share in not a few very profitable theatrical enterprises. He never went into society, was thoroughly bohemian in tastes and not extravagant.

BRAIN OSSIFICATION.

Duke of Teck Threatened With a Serious Ailment.

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LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Duke of Teck is seriously ill at White Lodge, Richmond Park, with mental depression. His medical advisers fear the loss of his reason. At a consultation of eminent physicians the opinion was expressed that the Duke is threatened with ossification of the brain.

LEADING SINGLE TAXERS.

All Get Their Pictures in a Big Illustrated Paper.

The special St. Louis number of the National Single Taxer, published at Minneapolis, is an object of rare beauty. From a typographical standpoint, it is well-nigh perfect. It is profusely illustrated with pictures of all the prominent St. Louis leaders of the single tax movement, and the title page contains a finely engraved cut of the late Henry George.

The paper contains a history of the origin of the movement in St. Louis, which came about through communications from John G. Hummell, Hamlin Russell and J.W. Hill, which were published by the Post-Dispatch in January, 1888.

It was designed as a special historical number, and the history of the local Single Tax League is given in full, together with several of the most notable speeches of Henry George.

Barr's St. Louis

Send, if You Cannot Come!

Last Five Days of Christmas Selling

Will be days of wonderful value-giving. Every article is marked at its lowest price. We want to sell, you want to buy. Remember the crowds and come early and often.

At Art Goods. ALL the pretty fancy articles that refined taste suggests are here in great profusion.

Hand-painted Pin Trays, 25c each.
Hand-Painted Collar and Cuff Boxes, $2.25.
Hand-Painted Toilet Bottles, 50c each.
Gentlemen's Laundry Bags, in all the new artistic shades of ticking; price $1.00.
A great variety of Sofa Pillow Tops, embroidered in Japanese gold thread; price $2.99 each.
Foot-Stools, covered in the latest denim; price $1.89 to $2.50 each.
The largest display of Xmas presents, ranging in price from 10c to $5.00.
Stamped Denim Pillows, in all colors; price 20c each.

The Latest News From Men's Furn. Department, is good news of Smoking Jackets. We have purchased the entire sample line of Men's Smoking Jackets or House Coats, and Blanket Robes at 50c on the dollar, we put on sale Monday at small price. Come in Fancy Plaids and Plain Color.

Colored Dress Goods A PRETTY gown pattern in its neat box will receive a most enthusiastic welcome on Christmas morning if it is one of these. Barr's were offered 500 box suits at little more than a third of their value. The overstocked importer needed cash. We've placed these suit patterns on the bargain table for Monday's lucky shoppers. Price-range is from $2.00 to $5.00.

40 pieces 38-inch Novelty Plaids, at only 25c yard.
This is a regular 40c Plaid.
36 pieces 38-inch Novelty Suiting, at 39c yard; splendid value; would be cheap at 50c yard.
25 pieces 46-inch Novelty Plaids, at only 50c yard; regular 75c goods.
15 pieces 48-inch German Novelty, at only 58c yard. This cloth is worth $1.00 a yard. Barr's got it at a bargain.
20 pieces 48-inch All-Wool Cheviot Serge at 75c yard. The new tariff will make them $1.00 a yard.
15 pieces 48-inch All-Wool Cheviots, at 98c yard. Regular $1.25 quality.
25 pieces 46-inch Silk and Wool Novelty at only $1.00 yard. This is a grand bargain; would be cheap at $2.00 a yard.
20 pieces 48-inch Drap d'Ete, at only $1.25 yard; all the new blues and grays; the scarce thing.
15 pieces 48-inch All-Wool Covert Cloths, $1.50 yard. This is the last chance on them at that price.
N. B.—Remnants and short lengths at a great reduction.

Umbrellas ONLY 5 days left to select Christmas gifts, but we've just received some of the most elegant Umbrellas direct from importer. No duplicates. Each has, therefore, an individual value all its own.

Children's School Umbrellas, made for little folks, 50c, 75c and $1.00.
Ladies' or Men's best twilled Gloria Silk Umbrellas; steel rods, fancy handles, case and tassel, 26-inch, $1.50.
Ladies' Pure Silk Umbrellas; steel rods, plain natural wood handles, black green, navy or garnet, 26-inch, $2.00.
Taffeta Silk Umbrellas; steel rods, pretty horn handles; also fancy Dresden handles, $2.00.
Men's Taffeta Silk Umbrellas; steel rods, fine natural wood handles, with large solid silver trimmings, $2.00.
Ladies' All-Silk Umbrellas, in black or fancy colors; green, blue, brown, garnet, etc., with plain or beautifully decorated Dresden handles, $3.00.
Men's Fine Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, with large horn hook handles, solid silver bands, $5.00.
Ladies' Pure Silk Umbrellas, with fancy Dresden, pearls, fine naturals, solid silver, deposit and fancy trimmings; colors and black silks, $5.00.
Combination Sets for Men, cane and umbrella; one handle for both, easily changed; convenient, new and desirable; sets complete, $3.50, $4.00, $5.00, $7.50, $10.00.
Men's Silk Umbrellas, with ivory handles, plain and carved; solid silver trimmings and silver deposit work; great variety of new designs, $6.00, $7.00, $8.00, $10.00, $12.00.
Ladies' Fancy Silk Umbrellas; carved ivory, fancy Dresdens, onyx and many odd novelties from importers direct; no duplicates, $6.00, $7.00, $8.00, $9.00, $10.00, $12.00, $13.50, $15.00, $18.00 and $20.00 each.
Solid Silver Trimmed Canes, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00. Ivory and gold heads, $5.00 to $12.00.
We engrave free of charge Umbrellas and Canes purchased for presents. Don't put off too late.

Rugs is a new Rug one of the much desired home furnishings? Never a better chance for economical Rug buying than here, at Barr's.

150 Fine Bokhara Rugs, $15.75; worth $20.00.
150 Japanese Dantsu Rugs, size 9x12; $9.90.
500 Fur Rugs, in plain and fancy, 28x64, at $1.95, $2.15, $2.50, $2.95 and $4.50.
100 Angora Rugs, 30x60; worth $6.00, for $3.50.
600 Hassocks, bright and pretty colors, 25c and upwards.

Pretty Prints IN the neat boxes that give a Christmassy touch to simple gifts.

1,000 pieces 24-inch Dress Cambric, white grounds; all new patterns, in pink, blue and black, 5c a yard.
700 pieces 30-inch Cameo Drapery, rich elegant goods; fully worth 15c; this week 10c a yard.
10,000 pieces best Apron Gingham, all patterns, 5c a yard.
600 pieces Indigo Blue Calicoes; new styles, 5c a yard.
4 cases Mill Ends, from Ginghams, about 10 to 12 yard pieces of 12½c goods, 5c a yard, uncut.
500 pieces 36-inch Dress Cambrics for Maids' dresses, dark and light work, 12½c.
400 pieces China and Navy Blue Penang, Double width; new goods, 10c a yard.
200 pieces Russian Robe Oiled Comfort Calicoes, complete assortment of patterns, 5c a yard.

Pretty Neckwear at Laces Dept. ALL the new and dainty conceits for dressy occasions.

75c Black Pompadour Collarettes, 53c each.
$1.00 Black Pompadour Collarettes, 75c each.
Better grades at 95c, $1.25, $1.50 to $5.00 each.
50c Plaid and Roman Stripe Stock Ties, at 25c.
Splendid line of lace-trimmed Blonde Net Ties, at 75c, 85c, $1.00 to $1.50 each.
Complete assortment of Yoke Collarettes, special values, $1.33 to $4.75 each.
Extreme novelties in Black and Colored Silk Cape Collarettes, handsomest goods produced, at $3.25, $4.50, $6.00 to $15.00 each.
Black and Colored Silk Blouses, very stylish, at $1.25, $2.00, $3.25 to $4.95 each.
New Lace Jabots at 50c, 75c, 90c to $1.50 each.
Real hand run Black Spanish Lace Scarfs. $3.00 value at $1.96 each. $4.50 value at $2.75 each. $10.00 value at $5.50 each.
For the baby we are showing the best line of Bibs in town, 7c to $1.25 each.

Linens DID you ever see a housekeeper who was not delighted with an addition to her store of household linens. A pretty table cloth, and a set of napkins, a half dozen handsome towels, or even a dainty single towel. We've got them all, and prices range a little lower than elsewhere.

1,000 odd Towels, Damask and Huck; very fine goods, at 29c each.
420 dozen 3-4x3-4 Napkins, at $3.50 per dozen.
2 cases 72-inch wide Bleached Table Linen, at 85c per yard.
2,000 odd pieces in Hemstitched Squares at 65c, 85c and $1.00 each; worth double.
1,100 odd Linen Pillow Slips, hemstitched, at 55c each.
2,000 dozen Tray Cloths, at 25c, 35c and 50c each.
Special for Monday morning, at 10 o'clock, will put on sale the best 25c Towel ever shown in St. Louis for that money. Also, 100 Hemstitched sets, 2 yards by 3 yards long, with one dozen Napkins, at $6.00 a dozen.
200 sets, 2 yards wide by 2½ long, at $5.00 the set.

Black Dress Goods ARE standard Christmas gifts. Giver and recipient are always happy when selection is made at Barr's Black Goods Department.

Dress patterns Black Brocaded Mohair for $1.50.
Dress patterns Black and White and Black and Purple Flannelettes, $1.00.
Dress patterns Black English Henrietta, $2.00.
Dress patterns 52-inch Black Storm Serge, $3.00.
Dress patterns Black All-Wool Momie Cloth, $3.50.
Dress patterns Solid Black Pointille Suiting, $4.50.
Dress patterns Solid Black Granite Cloth, $4.50.
Dress patterns Black Mohair Pierola Cloth, $4.50.
650 dress patterns Black Poplins, Cheviots, fine Henriettas, Satin Soliel, Serges and pretty Novelties, from $5.00 to $20.00 A FULL DRESS.

In Shoe Section SLIPPERS for father, slippers for mother, slippers for each member of the family, and pretty fancy shoes for the baby.

Ladies' Quilted Satin Slippers, Handsomely fur trimmed; colors, red, black and brown, $2.50.
Men's Slippers, in all the new shape toes, and prices much lower than elsewhere—$1.00 to $2.50.
Misses' and Children's Felt Slippers, $1.00 and $1.25.
Infants' Fancy Shoes in all colors.

A Down Quilt for an Invalid Friend Or a pair of soft, warm Blankets will be a most acceptable gift.

Down Comforts, Blankets, etc.
Sateen Down Comforts, own make, size 6x6, $5.25; size, 6x7, $6.65.
Cotton Comforts, choice patterns and colors, well made, light and warm, at $1.25 and $1.49 each.
Baby Quilts, in delicate pinks and blues, very pretty Christmas present, $3.75 and $4.00.
Plush Lap Robes, $1.50 to $6.00.
Slumber Robes, 95c, $1.50, $2.00 and up.
Pillow Shams, nicely embroidered, large assortment, 98c and upward.

Lace Curtains and Portieres PIANO or Table Cover may be on your Christmas list. Look in at Barr's for the prettiest and best at prices that leave you a generous margin for other things.

Values extraordinary for the week:
100 pairs elegant Irish Point Lace Curtains, very pretty centers; heavy, compact borders. They should be ready sellers at $7.00 per pair; while they last $4.85 per pair.
Brussels Net Curtains at $5.50, $6.50 and up.
Tambour Lace Curtains; were $6.00 per pair; for this week, $4.50.
90 pair Tapestry Portieres, reversible double border, 50 inches wide, 3 yards long, fringed top and bottom; while they last, $2.85.
Piano Mantel Drapes, gold embroidered, at $3.50, $4.50, $7.50, $10.00 and up.
Shoe Boxes; useful Xmas present, at $2.95 and $3.75.
Silk Pillow and Stand Covers, 50c to $5.00.

Good, Useful, Sensible Gifts ARE those you select in our Cloth and Flannel Section

54-inch All-Wool Fancy Plaid Cloaking, splendid for Smoking Jackets, at prices away below the regular value; 75c, $1.00, $1.25 to $2.50 per yard.
54-inch All-Wool, 14-oz. Serges, in all the leading shades; come and see them; a big bargain; well worth $1.75, for $1.00 per yard.
A special bargain for Holiday Week. Figured Seal Plush for Gents' Smoking Jackets; worth $3.00, for $1.75 per yard.
2,500 Fur-Back Flannelette Dress and Wrapper Patterns; over 275 styles, put up in boxes, only $1.00 each.
During the Holiday Week we will sell our 54-inch Beaver Cloaking, in Black and Navy, $2.00 quality, for $1.25 per yard.
$4.50 will be the price for our $7.00 Seal Plush this week.
Fancy German Elderdown Cloaking, in 25 different styles; 25c quality for 12½c per yard.
All our Fancy Cloaking, Elderdown Cloth, Kerseys, Two-Tone Cloaking, Plushes, Astrakhan, etc., at a great reduction.

Handkerchiefs *Are the most popular of Christmas Gifts.* With only five shopping days before Christmas, we have made extraordinary preparations to accommodate our patrons.

Extra counters, extra salespeople and special cashiers and wrappers for our Handkerchief Department. We can wait on you promptly, and also offer better values than ever before.

MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS.

Men's All-Linen Hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs; good values, at 15c, 19c, 25c, 35c and 50c each.
Men's Colored Bordered Hemstitched at 7½c, 10c, 12½c, 15c and 25c each.
Men's White Hemstitched Pure Linen, all widths of hems, at 15c, 19c, 25c, 39c, 50c, 75c and $1.00 each.

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS.

At 10c—By far the best line of Embroidered Handkerchiefs shown in the West can be found on special table in aisle at 10c each.
At 15c and 25c—Loads of every imaginable style of fancy Hemstitchd and Scalloped and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, on sale at 15c and 25c each.
Ladies' Plain Hemstitched Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, at 10c, 12½c, 15c, 25c and 35c each.
Ladies' Initials, all pure Linen, at 12½c, 15c and 25c each.
Children's Handkerchiefs at 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c each.

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.

Men's Silk Initials at 25c, 33c, 45c, 63c and 95c each.
Men's Plain Hemstitched Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs at 25c, 35c, 43c, 50c, 65c, 65c, 75c and $1.00 each.
Cashmere Mufflers, choicest kinds, at 39c, 50c, 75c and $1.00 each.
Silk Mufflers, immense variety, at $1, $1.25, $1.50, $2, $2.75, $3 and $4.50 each.

Holiday Ribbons. All styles in great variety at Barr's.

Satin and Gros Grains in all bright shades.
Width No. 5—At 8 cents a yard.
Width No. 7—At 10 cents a yard.
Width No. 9—At 12½ cents a yard.
Width No. 12—At 15 cents a yard.
Width No. 16—At 20 cents a yard.
Width No. 22—At 23 cents a yard.
4½ inches wide, at 25 cents a yard.
At 15c a yard—No. 12 Roman Stripe, all silk, good quality, at 15c yard.
At 50 cents, 7-inch Taffeta Ribbons, all shades, very cheap, at 50c yard.

Fan Department brimful of holiday styles at popular prices.

At 25 cents—Child's painted China Silk Fans, neat styles and cheap at 25c each.
At 50 cents—A splendid assortment of Lace trimmed and painted Silk Fans, also various other styles, at 50c each.
At $1.00—Lace trimmed and beautifully painted Silk Fans, choicest yet, at $1.00 each.
At $1.25—Elegantly painted Silk Fans, very pretty, and just the thing for Xmas presents, at $1.25 each.
At $1.98—A grand lot of painted Black Silk Fans, with ebonized sticks, really worth $3.50; all at $1.98 each.
At $2.98 each—Extra Fine Ostrich Feather Fans, in Pink, Blue, Cardinal, Maiz and White, actually worth $6.00. A big bargain at $2.98 each.

In Made Underwear. Thousands of Aprons have been sold already. There'll be thousands more sold, because Barr's have the biggest, best and cheapest stock of Aprons in St. Louis, but we can only promise for early shoppers.

25c Maids' White Lawn Aprons; tucks and emb. trimmed.
Ladies' Fancy Tea Aprons; trimmed in lace and ribbon, from 45c, 50c, 75c, $1 and up.
$4.98—Ladies' Petticoats, made of colored taffeta silk, umbrella style, with deep ruffle, finished with 4 rows of cording.
A complete line of Knit Petticoats in black, cardinal and drab; 85c, $1, $1.25 and $1.50.
Children's Jersey Cloth Leggins, buttoned up side; ages 3 to 10 years, 85c.

Silks No woman will fail to be pleased if her Christmas gift is selected at Barr's Silk Department.

20-inch Dresden Figured Taffeta Silk..... 49c
22-inch Black Figured Gros-Grain Silk, small designs, $1.10 quality for..... 75c
22-inch Black Brocaded Poplins, $1.35 for..... 98c
22-inch Satin Check Plaid Taffeta Silk, $1.50 for..... $1.10
22-inch Plaid Taffeta Silk; all the new and scarce colorings, per yard..... $1.48

Continuation of Our Greatest TRIUMPH! 150 CASKS Added for MONDAY.

An Importer's $50,000 Loss Sale of China

Gives you a Remarkable Opportunity to buy Christmas Gifts.

We have completed the largest deal we ever made—in China—with two of NEW YORK'S LARGEST IMPORTING HOUSES for all their canceled import ORDERS and late arrivals from their European factories. As neither of these houses carry stocks of goods, they came to us to dispose of the whole lot—several hundred casks, amounting to thousands of dollars—knowing we could handle unlimited quantities of China. They agreed to our offer of **20 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR!** The goods have arrived and are now on sale at JUST ONE-FIFTH THE REAL VALUE. This we consider a most fortunate purchase. Our patrons will find the greatest values of the season at this sale. Cups and Saucers, Plates, Salad Dishes, Cracker Jars, Chocolate Pots, Pen Trays, Manicure Trays, Tete-a-Tete Sets, Syrup Jugs, Celery Trays, Fruit Dishes, Chop Trays, Fish Sets, Game Sets, Ice Cream Sets, Tea Sets, Dinner Sets, and everything you can mention in Fancy China—also a large lot of the choicest Bric-a-Brac on tables—

9¢, 10¢, 15¢, 25¢, 39¢, 50¢, 75¢, 95¢, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50, $3.50.

Fine German Dinner Sets, new shapes, rich hand decorations, complete, 101 pieces, worth $25.00—THIS LOT..... **$10.65**



OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT

To Cultured and appreciative St. Louis (and vicinity) households.

Cash present for each..... $ 51.00
Negotiated loan payable $5.00 monthly—no interest..... 69.00
$120.00

This is what we really do for each family for whom we supply through our Century Club with a set of THE CENTURY DICTIONARY AND CYCLOPEDIA in half morocco binding, besides providing them with a work which commanded the services of the ripest scholars of the world and cost the publishers to edit and manufacture over $1,000,000.00.

In This Way We Presented on Saturday....

Cash, or amount saved to 31 people at $51 each $1,581.00
Loaned, or the future monthly payments which we have guaranteed to the publishers 2,139.00
$3,720.00

For all this we only received $124.00, which represents the club membership fees of 31 members enrolled in our Century Club, Saturday; barely enough to cover the expenses of freight, delivery, etc., on the 31 sets of the great Century Dictionary and Cyclopedia which went out to bless as many homes. BUT WE ARE SATISFIED; we did not expect to get any direct profit from this enterprise, and the good will and friendships that are being created and cemented are all that we could have hoped for.

WE THOUGHT OF CHRISTMAS,

Also of Christmas Expenditures,

When we arranged with the Century Co. to distribute the introductory sets of the fully completed issue of the great Century Dictionary and Cyclopedia at wholesale prices and on easy terms, we saw the splendid opportunity of making the proposition a great Christmas offer. WHY NOT? Nothing could have been more appreciated by those customers who have been waiting for just such an opportunity. By Christmas morning this offer will have resulted in a saving of thousands of dollars, for in no other way than by gigantic enterprise could our friends have obtained such remarkable terms. The burden of Christmas expenditures was also thought of and provided for, and it has proved a great convenience to our club members to be able to present to their families or to some cherished friends such an elegant gift as the entire set of "The Century" and bookcase, with an immediate outlay of but $4.00 and the privilege of paying the balance in monthly payments after the pinch of Christmas expenditures has passed away.

This is a great offer, however, not only on account of the low price and easy terms, but because The Century Dictionary and Cyclopedia is the product of the highest American scholarship, is the most comprehensive, practical and authentic work of reference ever published, and is probably the most perfect specimen of the printer's, engraver's and bookmaker's art ever produced. This great work is used in all the departments of the United States Government, quoted as the highest authority in the United States Supreme Court and all our State Courts, as well as the courts of England. Indorsed by all our leading educational institutions. What could make the home brighter on Christmas morning than a set of this peerless work? What plan could ever make its presentation easier than our co-operative Century Club?

The 1,000 sets allotted to us for this general introductory distribution are all exhausted. Those customers and friends who desire a set and to take advantage of the present extraordinary terms should call at once at our Century Club Balcony, over book department.

Books for Young People,
Books for Old People,
Books for Boys,
Books for Girls,
Books for Babies,
Books for Everybody,
Calendars, Diaries,
Stationery,
All Welcome Christmas Gifts.

WOODWORKING MACHINERY.

The Manufactures Will Form a Combine With $4,000,000 Captial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Woodworking machinery manufacturers of the United States have organized and will incorporate under the laws of New Jersey, the American Woodworking Machine Co. The officers are: President, Wm. Duryea of New York; First Vice-President, A. D. Hermance of Williamsport, Pa.; Second Vice-President, Henry C. Baker of Philadelphia; Treasurer, R. W. Perkins of Norwich, Conn.; Secretary, Frank W. Duryea of New York City.

The prospectus of the corporation says:

"This company has purchased and owns a number of the oldest and most successful concerns engaged in the manufacture of woodworking machinery. The plants are in the Eastern, Middle and Western States. They will be operated under one management. The sole object of this company is to decrease the excessive cost of manufacturing and selling."

The capital stock of the corporation is $4,000,000.

Going Home for Christmas?

The Wabash announces Holiday Rates. Inquire at Wabash Ticket Office, corner Broadway and Olive, for particulars

LAMONT DENIES.

Will Not Become President of the Northern Pacific.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Daniel S. Lamont, who was in this city to-day, denied that there was any likelihood that he would soon succeed Mr. Mellen as president of the Northern Pacific Railway, or that Mr. Mellen would become president of the Union Pacific. He said: "Mr. Mellen is in the Northern Pacific to stay to the satisfaction of all concerned."

Mr. Lamont denied that there had been any friction between himself or his friends and Mr. Mellen.

Now Is the Time.

Visit Texas during the cheap rates. Tickets on sale Dec. 21 at 226 North Broadway.

A WEDDING AT THE CAPITAL.

Miss Pauline Brace and Mr. Allen Crawford Married at Jefferson City.

PLEASANT INFORMAL DANCE

New Euchre Club Organized, a Matrimonial Surprise and Other News of People Who Shine in Society.

ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 20.

At the residence of Supreme Judge and Mrs. Theodore Brace in Jefferson City Miss Pauline Brace was married to Mr. Robert Allen Crawford, formerly of Athens, Ga., at 3:30 o'clock last Monday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hiram Vankirk of the First Christian Church in the presence of the immediate family and near relatives. The parlors, dining-room and reception hall were decorated with Christmas greens, pink and white roses and tropical plants. The bridal party, led by the bride's niece and nephew, little Miss Marie Trummercamp and Master Theodore Brace, entered the drawing-room to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march. The bride was beautifully gowned in white mousseline de soie over taffeta, the high corsage effectively trimmed with point applique lace over pale roseleaf pink silk. She wore no veil and her hair was adorned by a simple white rose. Miss Brace was a great society favorite here and in the State capital. She is of the perfect brunette type, with large brilliant dark eyes, and a quantity of wavy dark brown hair. Mr. Crawford is a civil engineer, engaged on the Missouri River Government work. He is a member of a fine old Southern family. His grandfather was a candidate for President, against Van Buren. He has taken his bride to Athens, Ga., to spend the holidays with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford will reside in Jefferson City.

Miss Amelung's "Kaffee."

MISS MADELINE AMELUNG of North St. Louis gave a "kaffee" Thursday afternoon to twelve young ladies. The house was prettily decorated and during the afternoon some delightful music was enjoyed. Among those present were Misses Emma Altekruse, Fannie Huber, Edna Kalts, Irene Reller and Miss Amelung. Miss Altekruse and Miss Amelung will give a progressive euchre Monday evening.

Pleasant Informal Dance.

MISS MINNIE KRENNING, assisted by Miss Della Krenning, gave an informal dance Friday evening to a circle of congenial friends. The house was decorated with holly, mistletoe and crowfoot vine. At midnight a delicious petit souper was served. Some of the guests were Misses Clare Vogelsang, Laura Nolker, Ollie Griese, Edith Platt, Lulu Reller, Stolle, Lydia Buckman, Minnie Krenning, Della Krenning and Messrs. Nolker, Platt, Peake, Krebs, Stegeman, Tholl, Reutlinger, Krenning, Schroeder, Vogelsang and others.

New Euchre Club Organized.

THE Bon Temps Euchre Club was organized Thursday at the residence of Miss Margaret Raleigh, with the following members:

Misses—	Misses—
Nora Raleigh,	Mamie Quinn,
Margaret Raleigh,	Ella Manning,
Elizabeth Kelly,	Mary Mockler,
Margaret Coughlan,	Belle Madden,
Mary Coughlan,	Margie Manning,
Elizabeth Coughlan,	Estelle Harney,
Messrs.—	Messrs.—
John Kelly,	Dr. N. P. Nelson,
Will Murray,	Dr. Curtin,
John Shine,	Edward Cloas,
George Jokerst,	Paul Walsh,
George Price,	Harry Gradwohl,
Eugene Reno,	Louis Abel,
Duane Beach,	Fred Bueter,
Frank Quinn,	George Mockler.

Surprised Her Friends.

THE announcement of the marriage of Miss Rose Lewis Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Chapman, to Mr. Warren Earle Barnhart of Chicago was a great surprise to the bride's friends, who had heard that she intended leaving soon for a home in the South. The wedding occurred Dec. 6, and immediately afterward Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart left for Chicago, to spend the Christmas holidays with the groom's parents at 577 La Salle avenue. They will return in January.

Gossip.

MISS CLARA BOCKSTRUCK is visiting Miss Anna Biggers of Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Mary Hammond, wife of the late Hon. J. E. W. Hammond of Salem, Ill., spent last week in St. Louis visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Horton of Wyoming street and other relatives. Mrs. Hammond's son-in-law, Senator Charles Hull of Salem, owns and occupies the old home where William Jennings Bryan was born.

Mr. George E. Tillis is in the city, with a view to selecting a handsome home, when he will be joined by Mrs. Tillis and his young daughters and make St. Louis their future residence. Mr. Tillis is at present the possessor of the most elegant house in Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. Edward Phelps Niles of Champaign, Ill., has issued cards announcing the marriage on Dec. 8 of his daughter, Marion Elise Niles, to Mr. Guy Masson Bixby. Mr. Bixby is well known in St. Louis social circles and is a brother of Mrs. Berthold Ladd.

Mrs. Lee E. Schoenberg gave a box party at the Century on Thursday evening in honor of Miss Levy, a Kansas City belle, who is the guest of her niece, Miss Michaels, of West Pine street. Afterwards the party were entertained at McQuette's.

"An Evening With Dante" was the title of the lecture given last night at the Conservatorium by Mrs. Martha Davis Griffith. The lecture was followed by a reception in Mrs. Davis' honor, by the ladies of Hotel Beers.

A Chafing Dish is a welcome gift for bachelors as well as ladies. For the latest styles and best fitments, go to Mermod & Jaccard's of Broadway, where they are to be had from $2.50 to $50.00.

The new plaid silk umbrellas at $7.50 at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust, also the colored silk linings, or the bon-bon handles, with Princess of Wales attachment, for $10.00.

Mrs. Charles H. Hughes, wife of Dr. Hughes of 3960 West Pine boulevard, who has been so ill of rheumatism of the heart, her friends will be glad to learn is now much improved.

Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Parsons will give a reception to the Afterthought Club Friday, Dec. 31, from 8 to 11 o'clock p. m., at their home on Washington avenue.

Xmas presents for gentlemen, useful and beautiful, from 25 cents to $10.00, in sterling silver novelties, at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway, corner Locust.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Campbell gave a tea party Thursday afternoon in honor of their little daughter, Gracie Campbell, at their home, 4262 Finney avenue.

The engagement of Mr. M. Isadore Ullman to Miss Birdie Hess is announced among their friends, the wedding to take place this month.

Exquisite diamonds, daintily set, and in the newest combinations, for the lowest prices at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway, corner Locust.

Christmas stationery in the latest designs and tints, including the new "Swallow Blue." Found only at Mermod & Jaccard's, of Broadway.

Misses Lallie Henderson and Gertrude Timberlake are spending the winter with Mrs. Bockman of Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Mamie Green will leave Thursday for New York to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Clara McGilley.

100 calling cards from plate $1.00, latest shapes, correct finish, samples free. Mermod & Jaccard's of Broadway.

Mrs. L. E. Schoenberg has resumed her Mondays and Thursdays at home for the winter season at Hotel Beers.

The Political Equality Club held its last regular meeting Thursday evening in the parlors of the Lindell Hotel.

The John A. Logan W. R. C. will give a euchre party Tuesday afternoon at 4553 Cook avenue at 2 o'clock.

Christmas cards and dainty calendars from 5 cents to $10.00 at Mermod & Jaccard's of Broadway.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Swope have taken possession of their new home, 4236 West Pine boulevard.

Doctor John Dooley has removed his offices to the Century Building, Rooms 313 and 314.

Miss Bittman of Leavenworth, Kan., is visiting Mrs. P. Langallier of West Morgan street.

Miss Mary Latey will return from Boston to spend the holidays with St. Louis relatives.

Mrs. L. Beneke is entertaining her beautiful niece, Miss Lena Igel of Leavenworth, Kan.

Miss Laughlin of Cora place entertained her euchre club Thursday evening.

HYSTERICS DONE TO ORDER.

Rush at Carr's Hanging Paid for by Picture Men.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

LIBERTY, Mo., Dec. 18.—William Carr, hanging was a great success, from the standpoint of the vitascope man. It was revolting—400 persons crying and shrieking and laughing, surging under the very gallows, shunting against the horrible, swinging body.

It was paid hysteria.

The outbreak was to look as if the crowd were trying to rescue the strangling man.

This is how it will look, the hideous, grewsome views taken by the vitascope man.

Paid leaders incited the crowd to a disgraceful rush so that they might be photographed, disgraced and shown to the world disgraced. The citizens feel that they played an ignoble part. Their excitement increases when they think how it was coldbloodedly planned to make a loathsome travesty out of the hanging for the sole purpose of sickening and deceiving the people in the Eastern cities.

There was no other reason for the frantic conduct of the crowd at the hanging. It was so different from others, when the crowd is always hushed and breathless.

Trading Stamps at Boyd's.

Ladies doing Christmas shopping should remember they can get trading stamps at Boyd's, 514 and 516 Olive, on all cash purchases.

Rosa Clarkson Seeks Divorce.

Rosa C. Clarkson wants a divorce from her husband, Thomas G.

In her petition she alleges that he called her names, was not at all neat, and when started on his debauches could not be persuaded to let liquor alone until he was in the City Hospital or had the delirium tremens.

Clarkson is in the hospital now, and was there served with papers by the Sheriff. The Clarksons were married in St. Louis, July 2, 1895, and separated Dec. 16, 1897.

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SELECTIONS FOR..... HOLIDAY GIFTS

HOLIDAY BUYERS' LIST OF GIFTS AT ZERWECK'S,
407 N. 6th St. Equitable Building.

SILVER NOVELTIES AS FOLLOWS:

Silver Comb and Brush	$4.50
Silver Manicure Sets	75c to 5.00
Silver Military Brushes, pair	5.00
Silver Embroidery Scissors	1.00
Silver Pocket Scissors	1.50
Silver Manicure Scissors	1.00
Silver Shoe Horns	1.00
Silver Button Hooks	35c
Silver Manicure Files	35c
Silver Cuticle Knife	50c
Silver Hair Curlers	90c
Silver Paper Cutters	35c
Silver Chatelaines	2.00
Silver Match Safes	1.00
Silver Cigar Cutters	60c
Silver Mustache Combs	50c
Silver Vinaigrette Bottles	1.00
Silver Cigar Holders	1.50
Silver Card Cases	1.00
Silver Stamp Cases	75c
Silver Key Checks	35c
Silver Pocket Knives	50c
Silver Fruit Knives	1.50
Silver Tea Balls	2.00
Silver Tea Strainers	1.75
Silver Salve Boxes	50c
Silver Bon-Bon Boxes	75c
Silver Puff Boxes	2.50
Silver Memorandum Books	75c
Silver Side Combs	50c
Silver Chain Purses	6.00
Silver Penholders	75c
Silver Calendars	3.00
Silver Pencils	50c
Silver Blotters	3.50
Silver Ink Wells	1.50
Silver Ink Stands	2.50
Silver Atomizers	3.00
Silver Flasks	6.00
Silver Salts and Peppers	2.00
Silver Napkin Rings	75c
Silver Child's Knife, Fork and Spoon, set	75c
Silver Dessert Spoons, per set	7.50
Silver Orange Spoons, per set	6.00
Silver Oyster Forks, per set	5.00
Silver Carving Sets	10.00
Silver Child's Cups	50c
Silver Set Tea Spoons	8.00
Silver Set Table Spoons	8.00
Silver Shaving Outfits	5.00
Silver Cream Ladles	1.00
Silver Fruit Knives	1.00
Silver Olive Forks	1.00
Silver Pin Trays	1.50
Silver Bonnet Brushes	1.50
Silver Hat Brushes	1.00
Silver Loving Cups	5.00
Silver Salad Sets	6.00
Solid spoon and fork—gold-lined.	
Silk Suspenders, with silver buckles	2.00
Cut Glass Flower Vases	2.00
Lowest prices in the city for these goods, quality considered.	
Triplicate Mirrors	5.00
Cut Glass Cologne Bottles	3.75
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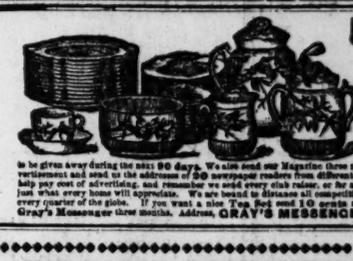
.....SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS GIFTS.....

Lace Curtains	$1.00 up	Kitchen Safes	$2.10
Willow Rockers	$1.50	Parlor Suits	$19.75
Brass Lamps	$1.25	Dinner Sets	$7.50
Oak Center Table	89c	Toilet Sets	$3.50
Steel Ranges	$19.50	LADIES' DRESSING TABLES,	
Heating Stoves	$2.50 up	ODD CHAIRS, RUGS,	
Bed-Room Suits	$12.50	CHINA CLOSETS,	
Cane-Seat Chairs	65c	ROCKING CHAIRS,	
Extension Tables	$2.75	CHILDREN'S ROCKERS	
Sideboards	$7.50 up	AND HIGH CHAIRS.	
Oak Wardrobes	$8.75		

CARPETS. Our best All-Wool Ingrain and Brussels Carpets ARE SOLD ON TIME. $2.00 down and $1.00 per week.

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Sole Leather Hat Boxes, - From $4 to $12.

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If you have not paid your taxes do so before January 1st, 1898, and save penalty and costs.

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NEW CITY HALL. Collector of Revenue.

RASSIEUR CAMP TO CELEBRATE.

Fifth Annual Entertainment at Concordia Turner Hall.

Maj. Leo Rassieur Camp No. 4, Sons of Veterans, Missouri Division, will give its fifth annual entertainment and dance tonight at Concordia Turner Hall.

The dramatic and musical features will be especially strong, including such vocalists and specialty performers as the Winters, H. E. Groffman, Miss Maggie Wiley, Georgie Eller, Charles Ford, Joseph Brockel, Blanche Lockett. Joseph H. Kunz, Richards and Guhl and Tillie Herget, the whole to conclude with the one-act comedy, "The Clockmaker." There are fifteen dances on the programme.

The officers of the camp are: L. P. Groffman, Captain; Adolph Gutman, First Lieutenant; Thomas H. Schuets, Second Lieutenant; William J. Schenck, Chaplain; Geo. Eller, Hy. W. Klemme, Hy. Hahn, Camp Council.

Coughs.—"Brown's Bronchial Troches" are used with advantage to alleviate Coughs, Sore Throat, Hoarseness and Bronchial Affections. Sold only in boxes.

MISS AMBERG'S STRANGE DEATH

Coroner Says Suicide From Acid, but Gives No Reason.

Louis Amberg, up to two years ago importer of fancy goods at 712 Washington avenue, and living at 3219 Pine street, was called to Cincinnati, his present home, by a telegram saying his sister Frances, a young lady well known here, was found dead in bed from carbolic acid poison. The Coroner's verdict of suicide, the girl's mother believes, is an error, as no cause for suicide is known.

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Progressive Euchre Party.

The "Daughters of the Republic" will give a progressive euchre at the Jefferson Club, 3022 Olive, next Tuesday afternoon and evening. Beautiful prizes will be awarded.

CATARRH OF STOMACH.

A Wife's Dyspepsia That Baffled the Physicians.

"I am glad to be able to tell you that I am well of catarrh of the stomach, for which I am sincerely thankful to you for advice. If it had not been for Pe-ru-na I would never have been well. I had three physicians. One of them told my husband that he could not cure me. I had been sick about nine months when a friend asked me to try Pe-ru-na to gratify her; so I commenced taking it. I wrote to Dr. Hartman, describing my case, and he said Pe-ru-na would cure me, so I determined to give it a fair trial. No one ever followed your advice stricter than I have. I spent the 7th and 8th of this month at the Centennial and stood the trip better than ladies in our company who had not been sick. I can eat and walk and work. Everybody says that I look as well as I ever did. Oh, you don't know how thankful I do feel to you. I have got several other people to take Pe-ru-na. I praise it to everybody." So writes Mrs. Mary Allen, Southall, Tenn., in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman.



Send for a free copy of "Winter Catarrh" to The Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

Ask your druggist for a free Pe-ru-na Almanac for 1898.

ST. LOUIS "HOBOS" IN DANGER.

One Asked for Alms Late at Night and Nearly Lost His Life.

A new danger confronts the "hobo" who approaches a pedestrian on the streets for alms after nightfall. He is liable, in these days of promiscuous hold-ups, to be mistaken for a highwayman.

Michael McLaughlin had a narrow escape from death under the conditions. McLaughlin is 35 years old, with no particular place of abode. About 1 o'clock Saturday morning, after tramping through the sleet and cold in search of a lodging, he encountered a pedestrian at Seventh and Gratiot streets, whom he asked for a dime to get a bed. Before he fairly got the question out of his mouth the pedestrian jerked a revolver from his pocket, shoved it full in McLaughlin's face, and shouted: "Yes, I'll give you a dime, you robber! There it is!" He fired full at the mendicant.

McLaughlin dodged and fell back, and the excited pedestrian sprang upon him, used his revolver as a billy and clubbed the unfortunate man repeatedly on the head, exclaiming between each vicious thump:

"Yes, I'll give you a dime, you highway robber! There's another one! And here's a quarter! Oh, why don't you rob me, eh? Here's a silver dollar! And here's my watch! Now, will you be good?"

McLaughlin lay on the ground, covered with blood. The pedestrian continued his homeward way, serene in the consciousness that he had done his whole duty as a citizen in aiding the police department in discountenacing footpads. Patrolman Dalton, attracted by the shot, found McLaughlin and took him to the Dispensary.

"I thought the old guy was all right," said McLaughlin while the doctor was sewing up his scalp wounds. "He was about 60 years old with a face on him like they put in these pictures—ouch! But I picked up a hot horseshoe, sure. Gee, I thought he was goin' to dig my brains out with his cannon an' take 'em home for breakfast. No, I don't know his name. I didn't have time to ask him. I wish he'd carry a tag on 'im when he goes out again at night, so's I won't make no mistake an' try to touch 'im agin."

McLaughlin was locked up on a charge of disturbing the peace.

WITNESS LECTURED.

Ed Joseph Reilly, Who Resisted Arrest, Was Discharged.

Ed Joseph Reilly was discharged in Judge Zimmerman's police court Saturday morning, where he was arraigned on charges of disturbing the peace and resisting arrest.

Reillly was arrested on the night of Nov. 22 at Jefferson avenue and Wash street at the instance of Elizabeth Cole of 2702 Wash street. She claimed he struck her in the face, knocking her down. She said Policeman Dwyer came up in citizens' clothes and grabbed Reilly. Reilly then struck Dwyer and grappled with him until Sergt. Turley came. Reilly was taken to the station.

Reilly's case was continued three times in Judge Stevenson's court and four times in Judge Zimmerman's court on account of the absence of the prosecuting witness, Elizabeth Cole. An attachment was issued against her. She claims to have been ill and unable to leave the house.

Judge Zimmerman said to her: "If we allowed persons of your character to have ance. I will discharge Reilly, and you may citizens arrested and not prosecute them, pay the costs of the attachment and of the the court would be overrun. It's a nuis- court."

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It may be possible for you to trade "even." Yet should you desire an instrument that costs more than the amount allowed for your old piano or organ, the difference can be paid in easy monthly payments.

I will also take old instruments in payment of rent for new ones. Rent rates range from $2 per month up for new organs, and from $3 per month up for new pianos.

To those who do not care to trade instruments, I will send my fat, good-natured city buyer with a pocket full of cash. You and he can make a pleasant deal in fifteen minutes.

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EVENTS OF THIS WEEK IN ST. LOUIS SOCIETY.

	MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.
Receptions and Luncheons.....	Reception, 3 to 5, by Miss Stella Brown of Lindell boulevard. Tea by Mrs. George Warren Brown to Miss Alberta Boogher.	Mrs. J. C. Simpson—tea, 3 to 5, to Miss Maude Simpson. Reception by Dr. and Mrs. H. N. Spencer to Miss Anna Spencer, 3 to 10 p. m.	Wedding and reception of Miss Dolly Egerton and Mr. John L. Thompson, 6 p. m. Informal reception by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Lange.		
Dances.....	Ball by Miss Emily Haaratick at Jacob Mahler's.	Dance by Mrs. S. M. Field to Miss Clark of Springfield, Ill. Dance by Mistletoe Club at Jacob Mahler's.	Debutantes' first dance at Jacob Mahler's.	Dance by Sin Claire Club.	FRIDAY. Ball at Mahler's, on Olive street, by Miss Jeanne Capen. SATURDAY. Children's ball at Columbia Club. Christmas carnival at Mahler's, on Olive street. Dance by Mrs. J. C. Van Blarcom.
Clubs.....	Whist Club at Miss Daisy Bauman's of Pine street. Chart Club, 11 a. m., at home of Mrs. George D. Barnard, 47 Vandeventer place.	Tuesday musicale, Memorial Hall, 3 p. m. Men's Shakespeare Club at Memorial Hall, 8 p. m. Novel Club at Non-Sectarian Church. Lindsley Dramatic Club at Pickwick Theater, 8 p. m.	Common Sense Club, 3 p. m. Greek Ethics Club at Memorial Hall, 3 p. m. Eliot Society, 2:30 p. m., at Church of Messiah.	Chart Club, 11 a. m., at home of Miss Semple, 3007 Locust. Meeting of the Trefoil Euchre Club.	FRIDAY. Meeting of the Hofman Club, 10 a. m. Pioneer Club meeting at 8 p. m. Meeting of Klondike Euchre Club. SATURDAY. Chart Club at St. Nicholas Hotel, 11 a. m.
Weddings.....			Miss Dolly Egerton to Mr. John L. Thompson. Wedding of Miss Kitty Rubey to Warren Hilton.	Wedding of Miss Grace Lewis to Mr. James Carnegie of Toledo.	

PICTURES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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The public school children of the city have become at once the beneficiaries of a movement of wealthy ladies to furnish the schools with fine paintings, engravings, photographs and casts to further object lessons and instruction in drawing.

Two years ago the Art League of St. Louis was orgahized by Miss M. E. Bulkley and other members of the Wednesday Club. Its purposes, as declared in its constitution, are "to advance interest in art

sons inter... ...olic school-room... ...any time, but r... ...klin School is on the ground... ...n a most accessible locality and seem... particularly adapted to show what may be accomplished in the way of simple decoration, even in a dark, dingy corner of this dirty town.

Some of the schools have money obtained by the sale of tickets to annual picnics, allowed by the Board of Education once a year, and by concerts and exhibitions for the purpose of purchasing libraries and apparatus which could not be supplied by the board on account of a lack of funds. This money is in the hands of committees of citizens, who, after seeing the good results following the distribution of pictures by the Art League, have applied it to the purchase of pictures for those schools.

The league depends mainly on annual subscriptions of one dollar, and has now a small list. All subscriptions may be sent to Mrs. E. B. Leigh, treasurer, 4471 Laclede avenue, and all gifts of pictures to Mrs. Alfred P. Hebard, 4306 McPherson avenue.

The president, Mrs. Everett W. Pattison, 4254 Olive street, will also gladly receive gifts of pictures or money, and she may be consulted about all needs and plans of the league.

According to the constitution any person giving to the league the sum of $25 or its equivalent becomes a permanent honorary member.

The officers and members are as follows:

President, Mrs. Everett W. Pattison; vice-president, Mrs. Cassius M. Riley; secretary and bibliographer, Mrs. Louise Sumner; treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Leigh.

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MRS. C. S. BROOKS' MODELING IN BUTTER.

and an appreciation of its value as a moral, historic and aesthetic factor; to teach the future citizens of St. Louis by object lessons what has already been accomplished in painting, sculpture and architecture; to familiarize students with the present and past aspects of famous places, and create a demand for greater beauty in everyday life."

The movement enlisted the sympathy of many citizens who are not wealthy, but who had faith in the purpose of the enterprise, and it has had the advice and counsel of Superintendent Soldan and the directors of the public schools.

The plan which the league has adopted to accomplish its results is to furnish the public schools with pictures and casts of recognized merit. The system of distribution is to divide the schools into districts of four schools each. The pictures furnished to the schools in any district are changed from one school to another in the same district four times during the year, thus giving each school the benefit of from forty to forty-eight pictures every year, there being at present ten to twelve pictures allotted each school. These pictures are either hung in different rooms and changed every few days until all the children in each room have seen them, or they are hung in the halls where all the children see them several times a day, the teacher sending from time to time for such pictures as are most suitable for the age of her pupils.

Principals and teachers for the most part co-operate heartily, the principal giving the pictures the best possible place for display, and the teachers answering the many questions asked by interested children and encouraging them to make a study of each picture, bringing out the object of the artist in making it, giving a sketch of the artist's life, and, if a portrait, giving a history of the subject's life and work.

A committee from the League visits the schools occasionally to ascertain the effect of the pictures and get suggestions from the principals and teachers, thus enabling the League to make wise selections.

The work began with a collection of twenty photographs given by Mrs. Wm. L. Huse, and hung, at first, in the Columbia School. Since then the League has acquired a sufficient number of pictures and casts to supply six districts of four schools each. The movemenut has been greatly assisted by the kindness of Mr. Ives, who has loaned the League 120 artotypes from the collection of the Museum of Fine Arts.

The League has been much interested in observing the natural love of true beauty shown by the young children. The very best pictures are the most appreciated, even by those little ones who have had very little of joy or beauty in their lives. A number of the schools which have been supplied are located in the down town districts, where many of the children come from so-called homes where families of eight or ten are crowded into two or three rooms, with few of the comforts of life and nothing uplifting. The effect on the children has been to interest them to such an extent that they are constantly bringing pictures to their teachers.

To show what it hopes to do in the future the League has decorated one room by tinting the walls and providing pictures and beautiful casts. The League chose the largest and darkest room (one which receives no sunlight) in one of the oldest school buildings in the city, the Franklin School, corner of Seventeenth street and Lucas avenue. They have also supplied it with beautiful plants of varieties which require no sunlight. To this school-room the Art League cordially invites those per-

WALK FROM MEXICO.

AN OLD PENNSYLVANIAN'S LONG AND EXHAUSTING TRAMP HOMEWARD.

ON HIS WAY TO JOHNSTOWN.

Thomas Layton Sought Refuge From the Blizzard Last Night in the East Side Police Station.

One of the dozen or more wanderers sheltered at East St. Louis police headquartere last night was Thomas Layton, a machinist, 66 years old, who says he has tramped nearly all the way from Old Mexico. The exception was when he could catch a "cotton wagon," in the Indian Territory, and ride a few miles, with a negro driver for a companion.

Layton looks more than twenty years older than his real age, due, he says, to sickness and exposure during his long journey. He is on his way to relatives in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where he claims he will be well taken care of until able to shift for himself again.

He mastered his trade in Johnstown, Pa., He left there and went to Mexico eight years ago to prospect in the mining regions. During his stay he traveled more than 3,000 miles, and says he saw all the better part of the country and a good deal of the worst. He finally located at Zacetacas, the capital of the State of Zacetacas, where he worked at his trade in the employ of an extensive quartz miner. Last January he was seized with sciatic rheumatism and a desire to get back to his native country. He spent all his means in reaching the Rio Grande, which he crossed in May, and was laid up two weeks with fever at El Paso. When he got so that he could travel he resumed his journey homeward on foot and penniless.

"This is my first night in a police station," said the grizzled old tourist, "and I wouldn't have been caught this time only for the blizzard. Nothing like this in Mexico—grandest climate on earth there, I tell you. Makes no difference where night catches you in that country. Flowers bloom all the year round. You can lie down and sleep in the middle of a road any night in what is termed mid-winter here."

"There's plenty of work for anybody who is able and willing to work in that country," he said. "But wages are lower than a year ago, when the price of silver went down. The highest wages I got in the country, working as a machinist, was $2 a day. I was getting 50 cents a day on the last job I had in Zacetacas. White railroad engineers, I mean by the term 'white' engineers from the United States, receive $6 a day. A Mexican engineer on the same road gets $2 a day. It costs the latter nine cents a day to live, and he lives comfortably on that sum. The 'white' man can live well on 30 cents a day. A drink of the best liquor in Mexico costs a cent and a quarter. It was my misfortune to be a teetotaller while a Mexican citizen. Yes, I learned the Spanish language easily."

Layton is an interesting talker, and sensitive as to his helpless condition. His brother, John Layton, who died in 1859, was one of the proprietors of the Pittsburg Daily Post.

COX MEMORIAL SERVICE.

All Denominations Will Honor a Good Man's Memory Wednesday Evening.

An event of particular interest to the 30,000 Methodists in St. Louis will be the memorial exercises at Union M. E. Church, Garrison and Lucas avenues, next Wednesday evening, in memory of Rev. Henry Cox, who died in Azusa, Cal., Nov. 20.

Dr. Cox, a man of international fame as a church builder and church organizer, was practically the founder of Union Church, and enjoyed the esteem of many churchmen in St. Louis. Many adherents of other denominational churches, among whom Dr. Cox worked in 1862 and 1863, will participate in the exercises at Union.

Rev. Dr. Luccock, the present pastor, is arranging a special programme for the evening, which will include many of the city's leading ministers.

Dr. Cox was the church's first pastor and purchased the property at Eleventh and Locust streets upon which the first Union Church was erected.

HE SENDS IT FREE

A Never Failing Remedy That Makes a Man Young Again.

TRUE MANLINESS QUICKLY REPLACES THE WORN OUT NERVES AND VIGOR.

When a man's strength and vigor is slowly wasting away from nervous weakness, the mental forebodings are ten times worse than the most severe pain. There is no let up to the mental suffering day or night. For years the writer rolled and tossed on the troubled sea of Nervous Debility, Emissions, Lame Back and the various other troubles of Sexual Weakness, until it was a question whether he had not better take a dose of poison and thus end all his troubles. But providential inspiration came to his aid in the shape of a combination of medicines that completely restored his general health and enlarged his weak, emaciated parts to natural size and vigor, and he now declares that any man, young or old, who will take the trouble to send his name and address may have Free full particulars of this wonderful home treatment, which quickly restored me to my full strength and vigor of youth. Now when I say free I mean absolutely without cost, because I want every weakened man to get the benefit of my experience.

There are thousands of men suffering the mental tortures of weakened manhood who would be cured at once could they but get such a remedy as the one that cured me. Send for it, and learn that there are a few things on earth, although they cost nothing to get, are worth a fortune to some men and mean a lifetime of happiness to most of us.

Write to Thomas Slater, 176 Masonic Temple, Kalamazoo, Mich., and the information will be mailed in a plain, sealed envelope.

OBLATE SISTER'S SUIT.

Murphy and Stinde Wish to Take It From Judge Withrow.

Application for a change of venue from Judge Withrow's court was made yesterday by Richard H. Murphy and George C. Stinde in the suit instituted against them by the Oblate sisters of Providence.

The suit is to recover $2,000 alleged due the charity organization on a sale of property conducted through Mr. Murphy, and an injunction restraining the negotiation of some notes claimed to have been illegally made.

THE FINEST PLACE IN THE CITY IS THE BUDWEISER PALM GARDEN, 413 NORTH SIXTH STREET.

KING LOUIS' GREAT FEAT.

He Ejects the Last Colored Foe From "Little Oklahoma."

King Louis Selbt of "Little Oklahoma," squatter settlement, foot of Mallinckrodt street, is gay. He has secured a writ of ejectment and Rev. Mr. Ramsay, colored preacher, who ignored the royal mandate, was tumbled into the river, together with his houseboat, by the king, aided by Constables Landwehr and Tozier.

There is not a colored man in the Selbt kingdom this crisp Sunday morning.

Call at 103 North Broadway for special low rates, tickets on sale Dec. 21. Palace and tourist sleeper space on application.

CHRISTMAS ALMOST HERE!

GIFTS WORTH HAVING

ART NEVER DIES

Let your "past experiences" guide you "unto wiser ways." Come to the "Home of the Useful and Beautiful." We can serve you better this year than ever!

Busts, Figures, Groups, single and in pairs, new subjects, $3.50, $5, $7.50, $10, $15 to $90.

Royal Dux Ware Busts, Figures, etc., $4, $5.50, $6.50, $10 and up.

"A Thing of Beauty Is a Joy Forever."

Our Vienna Department Is replete with everything one could wish for.

Miniature Photos, Rare Paintings, $3, $4.50, $6.50, $10 and up.

Plates, Cups and Saucers, $4.00, $6.00, $8.00, $12.00 to $35.00.

VASES, $6.50, $9.00 $10.50, $15.00 to $175.00

TEA POTS, SUGARS AND CREAMS.

TETE-A-TETE SETS in satin-lined cases.

TEA CADDIES, etc.

Ginori Faience, Old Italian Art Pottery, etc.

ROYAL TEPLITZ.

E. Stellemacher's Creations. See Them.

OLD VIENNA. ROYAL SEVRES



..ROYAL DENMARK WARE..

Choice Gifts for $3.00, $5.00, $7.50, $9.50, $12.00 to $60.00.

Vases, Urns, Trays, Jugs, All the new effects, rare pieces, prices $1.75, $2.75, $4.00, $5.00. $6.75, $9.00 to $75.00.

"Wardell" Art Pottery —Something new, prices $2.00, $3.00, $4.50, $6.75 and up.

"Time and tide waits for no one." Come now.

Inspect the New Sevres Porcelain! Lovely forms and rich decorations, with gold and enameled mountings.

VASES, $5.50, $7.50, $10.00, $15.00, $20.00 to $100.00.

JARS AND URNS, $12 00, $18.00, $25.00 to $75.00.

HAND MIRRORS, $3.50, $4.50, $6.00 and $10.00.

CLOCKS AND CANDELABRA for mantels, $30.00, $45.00, $60.00, $85.00 and up.

CARD BASKETS, $15.00, $18.50. $25.00.

St. Cloud Pottery! (made in France); new this season; prices $4.00, $5.50, $6.75, $9 and up.

Copenhagen China! Delicate underglaze designs, figures, etc.; prices 75c, $1.50, $2.25, $3.00, $4.50, $6.00 and up.

Carrara Marble Statuary,

SCULPTURED IN ITALY.

The variety of subjects shown in these Beautifully Carved Marbles is very extensive. Prices range from $9.00, $12.00, $15.00, $18.50, $22.50, $27.50, $30.00, $35.00, $40.00, $45.00 to $65.00 each.

CABINETS We have them in various materials! Prices $22.50, $30.00, $42.50, $60.00 up to $200.00.

Royal Venetian Art Glass! Something Entirely New.

Jardinieres! For Plants in Every Kind and at Prices to Suit All.

PEDESTALS We show them in Wood, Brass, Onyx and Gold, Marble, Etc., $9.00 up to $200.00.

Open Evenings Till 9 O'Clock Until Christmas.

R. B. GRAY CHINA CO., 312 North Broadway.

IT SUGGESTS SLAVE DAYS.

Sheriff Troll May Seek Sandy Yancey's Mother.

Sheriff Henry Troll received a leter yesterday strongly suggestive of the old slave days.

It was written in scarcely legible scrawl, misspelled and well marked with dirty thumbs. This is the translation:

BUTLER, La., Dec. 15, 1897.

I write to you to see if you can find my mother and sister for me. They are in St. Louis. My mother's name is Marie Denson. When I saw her last she belonged to Ben Denson and I belonged to Joal William Lee and was brought to Alabama by a speculator by the name of Sandy Preare. I had a brother that time by the name of Charles Carter, who belonged to Lases Carter.

Please try to find them for me and write to me as soon as you can, and you will be paid for your trouble. Please do what you can for me. I am informed that my mother lives near the big bridge in St. Louis in a double pen home. SANDY ELIC YANCY.

Sheriff Troll will see that reasonable effort is made. He doesn't know what a double-pen house is, but will ascertain.



The widow appeals to the sympathy of even the most callous-hearted. Here is a woman still in the springtime of life, deprived of the stay and support upon which she had every right to depend, and her future overshadowed by the loss of the one man in all the world upon whom she had centered her love and affection. A man has no right to sacrifice his life in the mad race for money, by neglecting his bodily health. A man owes it to himself and to his wife and children to live a long and helpful life. If a man would live he must keep health.

Health is a matter of a little patch here and there. Look after the little ailments and the big ailments will take care of themselves. They will never come. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery keeps the body in perfect health. It promptly eradicates the little ailments that bring serious illness. If the serious malady has already arrived it promptly cures it by removing the cause. It corrects all disorders of the digestion, invigorates the liver and makes the appetite keen and hearty. It makes the assimilation of food perfect and supplies the blood with the life-giving elements that build new and healthy tissue and firm muscles. It tones and builds up the nerves. It drives impurities and disease-germs from every organ of the body. It cures all diseases due to overwork and worry and faulty nutrition. It is an unfailing remedy for weak lungs, spitting of blood, shortness of breath, severe cough, bronchitis, asthma and kindred affections. It cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption.

Mr. Isaac E. Downs, of Spring Valley, Rockland Co., N. Y., writes: "For three years I had suffered from that terrible disease, consumption, and heart-disease. Before taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery I had wasted away to a skeleton; could not sleep nor rest, and many times wished to die to be out of my misery. Step by step, the signs and realities of returning health slowly but surely developed themselves while taking the 'Discovery.' Today I tip the scales at 187, and am well and strong. The 'Golden Medical Discovery' has also cured my daughter of a very bad ulcer located on the thigh."

CASH OR TIME.

Ingalls' Xmas.



Remember, you can buy any of my beautiful goods by paying a small payment down and the balance weekly or monthly. I have been right here on Olive street for seventeen years, and handle the nicest and best Elgin and Waltham Watches and hundreds of other articles suitable for holiday presents.

I Sell All the Following Goods:

WATCHES, CLOCKS, SOLID GOLD JEWELRY, LAMPS, TEA SPOONS, TABLES, OPERA GLASSES, KNIVES AND FORKS, CHANDELIERS, ALBUMS, SILK UMBRELLAS, WATCH CHAINS, LOCKETS AND RINGS, DISHES AND TOILET SETS, CUFF BUTTONS.

WATCHES, $2.50 TO $90. RINGS, $1 TO $120. ROCKERS FROM 70c TO $34.

I HAVE A NICE Furniture Department, with lovely new Rockers, Chiffoniers, Couches, Brass and Iron Beds, Desks, Book-cases, Parlor Suits, etc., etc.
PLEASE COME EARLY to get first selection. Open every evening.

F. H. Ingalls, 1103 Olive.

AN ASHLEY BUILDING WAIF.

Little Jerome McCloskey Is in the Hospital and Will Probably Die.

Jerome McCloskey, a 2-year-old waif from the Ashley Building, is a patient at the City Hospital. The little fellow has marasmus and his frail body has so wasted away that Dr. Sutter thinks he cannot recover.

Last summer Jerome and his widowed mother lived in apartments in the Ashley Building. Mrs. McCloskey was a seamstress and made a living for herself and baby. She overrated her strength and did not take the needed rest. She contracted a disease that in a few months carried her away and left her baby an orphan.

A family named Smith, whose hearts were bigger than their income, pitied the helpless orphan and little Jerome was taken in and given of the Smiths' scanty board. A short time ago the head of the family lost his position. Then Jerome was taken ill. The Smith treasury was taxed to the utmost to provide food for the family, and it was impossible to obtain medical aid for the child.

Friday afternoon Mrs. Smith walked to the hospital with the child in her arms. She told Dr. Sutter her story, and the formality of applying at the Dispensary for a permit was dispensed with.

May Ship Through Canada.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 18.—The Government has decided to permit Americans to ship goods into Alaska through Canadian territory in bond. The same rule will apply to other parts of the Dominion, where there are no regular transportation companies to carry the goods.

Bolin's Bondsmen Must Pay.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 18.—The jury in the case of the city against the bondsmen of ex-City Treasurer Henry Bolin returned a verdict in favor of the city for $71,666.

If afflicted with sore eyes, use Thompson's Eye Water

REAL ESTATE NEWS.

AGENTS ARE CLOSING UP A FAIRLY GOOD YEAR'S BUSINESS.

FAVORABLE CONDITIONS AHEAD.

A $90,000 Sale—The Real Estate Exchange Dinner—Agents' Reports of Sales.

Christmas weather, combined with Christmas conditions, have not been conducive to a brisk business in real estate circles and the agents have not been busy during the week.

Most of them are busy getting at the results of the year's work, and as far as they are able to see at present this has not been a bad year with them. There have been but few heavy sales during the year, though one sale, the southeast corner of Broadway and Olive, for $562,000 broke all local records. Most of the sales of the year have been of small home sites and considerable suburban property.

These conditions are apt to be changed with the beginning of the New Year. There has been a lull in realty investment that like the proverbial long lane must have a turning. The realty agents are expecting this turn to come after January 1. They believe that the long dullness will then come to an end and that an era of liberal investment in real estate will set in. There is plenty of money open to such investment as is shown by the eagerness to find borrowers for idle funds on real estate security. This money is going so slow that its holders are coming to realize that their only means of realizing adequate interest lies not in lending it out but in making positive investments where the purchase will produce a better rate of interest than 5 per cent.

The big sale of the week was the southeast corner of Sixteenth and Franklin avenue, which was disposed of on a basis of $90,000 for the corner and improvements. This would seem to be a good round price to pay for property as far west as Sixteenth street to the uninitiated. Those who know the future of Franklin avenue, however, can see that Mr. Woestman has made a good bargain. Franklin avenue is acknowledged to be the coming retail street of St. Louis, and the fact that it extends clear out into the county insures that it will be a retail street for all time to come, clear out to the city limits.

Loans have been numerous all week, some of considerable size having been made. The renting business has been better than usual at this time of the year.

Building Associations.

The Washington Building Association held its twelfth annual election next Wednesday, at the office of Rice-Dwyer Real Estate Company, the nominees being A. M. Bogy, D. P. Kinsella, J. W. Hartnagel, W. F. Dwyer, Thomas A. Rice, H. Cradock, John Ring, Henry Speck, A. J. Poland, Stephen Hillner, H. F. Harrington, A. R. Haagsma, James Marley, J. L. Renkel, Ben Winkeler, George Fillo, W. J. McCormack, Lawrence Merz, Thomas Dwyer, M. J. Lyons, Matt Zenz, Frank Moylan, D. Corkery, John F. Sullivan, John Prendiville, Jerry Prendiville. The Association also begins the issue of its tenth series of stock on the same day.

The Washington Building Association holds its regular meeting last Monday at 2221 Chestnut street, and made one loan of $1,200, secured by fifty shares of stock, on which $2,200 had been paid.

The St. Louis Building Association has just finished its seventh year, and will next Monday begin the issue of its eighth series of stock. Its annual election is also held that day, the nominees being Freeland R. Dunn, B. Chamblin, M. D., Thomas A. Rice, W. F. Dwyer, Albert Weir, H. W. Carreras, Jos. Rossler, J. D. McGinnis, E. A. McGroarty, John F. Casey, Erskine Williams, C. J. O'Donnell, Bryan Kieran, James Burke, B. F. Otto, J. H. Tissier, Thos. Murphy, P. Mulvihill, John J. Downes, D. W. Cahill and W. C. Flynn.

The Franklin Building Association, now 150 months old, at its regular meeting last Wednesday, made one loan of $900 on a lot 60x145, on Green Lee place, containing a two-story five-room frame house valued at $2,000.

This association matured its first series in 120 months, paying its investors 10 per cent per annum interest. Its last series is six months old.

Samuel Bowman & Co.

This firm sold for account of John E. McKinney, the business property at the southeast corner of Franklin avenue and Sixteenth street, fronting 88 feet on the south line of Franklin avenue by 144 feet 11 inches on the east line of Sixteenth street, to a 20-foot alley, and improved with a four-story business building, to John E. Woestman, for the sum of $90,000, the Blackwelder-Holbrook Realty Co. representing Mr. Woestman in the transaction.

Also sold for account of John B. Woestman to John E. McKinney the following properties:

A lot fronting 210 feet on the south line of Forest Park boulevard, by a depth of 200 feet, beginning at a point 132 feet west of Vandeventer avenue, for the sum of $12,000.

Also a piece of improved property at the southeast corner of Eighth and Soulard streets, fronting 90 feet on each street, bringing a rental of $1,080 per year, for the sum of $11,000.

Also a row of five two-story brick dwellings, Nos. 2630 to 2706, Spring avenue, covering a lot 142x225 feet, for the sum of $22,000.

Also a piece of ground fronting 265 feet on the west line of Spring avenue, by a depth of 275 feet, and beginning 355 feet north of St. Louis avenue, sold for the sum of $10,000.

Gambrill & McDowall.

Gambrill & McDowall report the following sales for the week:

No. 4286 Page boulevard, a modern nine-room residence, property of Howard Gambrill, sold to Eugene F. Williams as an investment for $6,000, John S. Blake & Bro representing Mr. Williams in the transaction. This is the second house recently purchased by Mr. Williams, he having only recently purchased the one adjoining this one on the east for $6,000.

Also 2713 Dickson street, a six-room, stone-front house renting at $22.50 per month, property of The Merchants'-Laclede National Bank of St. Louis, and sold to Mr. W. F. Bohn, who purchased as an investment at $2,400. Mr. Bohn secured a bargain.

Also lot 40x132 feet on the south side of Finney avenue, west of Pendleton avenue, property of Theodore Dreidel, sold to Mrs. Theresa Ramm for $2,200 cash. Mrs. Ramm will improve with some handsome flats.

Gambrill & McDowall report a good week, having closed several additional deals which will be reported later.

Bergfeld-Parker.

Bergfeld-Parker Real Estate Co. report the following sales:

No. 1617 Union avenue, lot 23x135, a two-story frame dwelling-house, from F. Y. Bichelhaup to George E. Lillie for $1,500. Bought for a home.

Tuxedo Park, lot 50x150, with a two-story eight-room frame dwelling, on Tuxedo boulevard, from Exchange Building and Loan Association to W. S. Johnson for $2,250. Purchased for investment.

No. 1828 Coleman street, lot 20x125, a one and one-half story six-room brick dwelling, from Junius C. Ferris to Mrs. Johanna Felber for $2,000.

No 4346 North Market street, lot 25x130, a one-story four-room frame dwelling, from Thomas Cooke to Mrs. Madge Finnerty for $1,100. Bought for an investment.

Also one building loan of $6,000 on new dwelling on Vernon avenue, in Raymond place; one of $5,500 on new flats on Shenandoah avenue, in Tyler place, and three loans of $3,500 on three houses on Russell avenue, in Tyler place, and one of $2,200 on house on Greer avenue, east of Taylor, all the loans being for three years at 6 per cent interest.

The Real Estate Dinner.

Arrangements are being rapidly completed for the annual dinner of the St. Louis Real Estate Exchange to be given at the Mercantile Club, Jan. 12, at 6:30 p. m.

F. W. Mott, Chairman of the Banquet Committee, announces that about 150 guests are expected, and that the set speeches will be few and short and much to the point. The price of tickets has been fixed at $2.50 per plate. President E. B. Wolff of the Exchange will open the banquet, but Mr. Mott will be toast master. The entire affair promises to be the most enjoyable ever given by the real estate fraternity. Invitations have been extended to the Real Estate Exchange of Kansas City, Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Joseph and Cincinnati to send delegations.

Henry Hiemenz, Jr.

Henry Hiemenz, Jr., reports the sale of the northeast corner of Tenth and Chestnut streets, fronting sixty feet on Chestnut street and extending along up Tenth street 109 feet to the alley that devides the property from the Imperial Theater (formerly Hagan's). The entire lot is covered with an attractive one-story brick building arranged for offices on both Chestnut street and on Tenth street occupied mostly by real estate firms. The property was owned by Max Tschirner and sold for him by Mr. Hiemenz to Gustavus Schuchmann, the well known real estate operator, for $85,000. It is one of the most valuable corners of that locality.

F. E. Niesen.

F. E. Niesen reports the sale of a house and lot No. 1415 California avenue, a two-story brick dwelling on lot 25x109, for the sum of $3,200, from Henry W. Schroeder to John H. Stiegemeier.

Also No. 4137 Juniata street, a two-story frame dwelling on lot 33x162, being just south of Tower Grove Park, sold for $2,750, from E. A. Garvey to George A. Furlong, who bought for a home.

Also sold six and one-third acres of land in O'Day place, St. Louis County, improved with nice frame dwelling, barn and outhouses and fruit of all kinds, for the sum of $4,000, from John H. Stiegemeier to H. W. Schroeder.

Gay & Co.

Gay & Co. report the sale of 2559 North Market street, a six-room house and lot 25x111 feet, from John Sullivan to James Smith for $1,800 cash. The purchaser was represented by C. C. Crone & Co.

They also made two loans: one of $6,700 at 6 per cent on a ten-room house and lot 40x200 feet, No. 4494 Forest Park boulevard, another of $6,000 for three years at 6 per cent on two ten-room houses and lots 50x147 feet, Nos. 3858 and 3860 Windsor place.

The Meacham Building for Rent.

The fine business building 306 and 308 North Fourth street, occupied by the E. C. Meacham Arms Co., now retiring from business, is being offered for rent by Hector Neuhoff. This is one of the most desirable business buildings in St. Louis. It is six stories in height and has every convenience for either a retail, manufacturing or wholesale business. The Meacham Co. will vacate and give possession to a tenant by Feb. 1.

DON'T LIKE THE CONTRACT.

Lumber Men Won't Walk Into the Bell Telephone Parlor.

Following the example set two weeks ago by the wholesale boot and shoe men, the lumber trade has declared against the new contracts of the Bell Telephone Company, and intends to carry the war even further than the shoe merchants.

At a meeting of the Lumbermen's Exchange yesterday afternoon, presided over by Vice President E. R. Darlington, a resolution was passed pledging the seventy-five firms represented in the Exchange to refuse to sign the new contracts, which offer an alleged better service for a generous advance in the yearly subscription.

Secretary George E. Watson was instructed to write to other trade organizations and commercial bodies and request them to join in the movement, and a committee was appointed to make a canvass of the various branches looking toward the same end. The committee is composed of A. H. Bohn, Alcee Stewart, F. D. Little, W. A. Bonsack and George E. Watson.

SPENDER CLAY NOT BOUND.

Lord Neville Obtained His Indorsement by Fraud.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Judgment in the case of Spender Clay, an officer of the guards, who, on Nov. 29, was sued by Sam Lewis, the London money-lender, to recover $55,565 due on two promissory notes given by Lord William Neville, with Clay's indorsement, was rendered to-day. It is to the effect that Clay is not bound by the signatures obtained from him by Lord Neville, because, in effect, they were forgeries.

At the trial Sir Edward Clarke, Q. C., representing the defendant, alleged that the indorsements were secured by trickery. Lord Neville having asked Clay to witness his signature to documents of a family character, which in reality were the promissory notes.

Clay is the son of a former member of Parliament, who was one of the largest shareholders of the Bass Brewing Co.

Lord William Neville is the fourth son of the Marquis of Abergavenny.

CLEAN STREETS ALLIANCE.

It Publishes Its First Appeal to the People of St. Louis.

The Clean Streets Alliance has issued its first address to the public. It is called "Clean Streets." Its yellow cover encloses sixteen pages of facts and arguments in favor of less dirt under foot. On the first page the Alliance states its creed. It is this:

"The formation of a non-political, non-sectarian association to advance the cause of good, clean streets in the City of St. Louis, Mo., by promoting honesty, efficiency and economy of the municipal government in the construction, the repair, the cleaning, the sprinkling and the use of the streets of the city, through educational methods addressed to the citizens of the city of St. Louis, without regard to race, creed, or political affiliation."

OBJECTED TO SENTENCE.

Scales Told the Court His Trial Was Not Fairly Conducted.

James Scales, the negro, sentenced to ninety-nine years in the penitentiary for assault on little Catherine Fisse, was asked by Judge Zachritz if there was any reason why the sentence of court should not be passed.

"Yes, your honor," Scales said, "I object to sentence being pronounced because I have not had a fair trial."

Scales' lawyer seemed surprised.

"I was brought before you, Judge Zachritz, in your private office before my trial was commenced," Scales continued. "They told me I was being taken before you for the purpose of allowing you to see some of the State witnesses identify me. I think that was unfair."

"You are mistaken," said Judge Zachritz, "for I never saw you until you came before me for trial."

Sentence was then formally pronounced. As Scales was led back to the jail he muttered curses.

Scales' attorneys will appeal to the Supreme Court. They have until March 1 to file papers.

Trading Stamps at Boyd's.

Ladies doing Christmas shopping should remember they can get trading stamps at Boyd's, 514 and 516 Olive, on all cash purchases.

Were Married in Boston.

C. H. Wray, a well-known St. Louis architect, was married Saturday at 4 p. m. in Boston, Mass., to Miss Carrie J. Foster, daughter of Col. J. A. Foster. They will be at home in St. Louis after to-morrow at 4375 Washington boulevard.

The Sunset Limited.

Via the Iron Mountain Route is the finest train ever operated in regular service between St Louis and California. Over three hours the quickest time to Los Angeles. The only line operating a solid through train.

MRS. RUARK'S AGONY.

USED BLACKING CONTAINING BENZINE ON A STOVE IN WHICH FIRE BURNED.

SHE WAS ONE MASS OF FLAME.

Fought With a Neighbor Who Tried to Save Her and Ran Screaming Up the Street.

Mrs. L. H. Ruark, 32 years old, was fatally burned at her home, 6303 Suburban avenue, about 11:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Mr. Ruark is employed at Pearce's hardware store, 6119 Horton place, and recently he took home some stove polishing material. It was in an open half-gallon tin bucket and benzine had been poured on it to soften it.

Mrs. Ruark was alone in the house yesterday morning when she went to work to polish the stove. She made the mistake of not waiting till it was cold. Probably she was not aware of the dangerous qualities of benzine. She had no sooner applied the polish than there was an explosion, and her skirts were on fire.

Mrs. Ruark rushed into the snow-covered street, shrieking with pain and fright, a veritable pillar of fire. Mrs. Fannie Boquett, who lives at 6301 Suburban avenue, heard the screams and ran to the rescue. She seized Mrs. Ruark and tried to throw her down to roll her in the snow.

She burned her right hand painfully by so doing. But, maddened with pain, Mrs. Ruark fought against being rescued. She is a strong, large woman, and Mrs. Boquett was no match for her physically. Mrs. Ruark had only one thought—to fly from the tormenting flames which were eating into her flesh. Fortunately a man happened along. He seized Mrs. Ruark and began to tear away her burning clothing. He took out his knife and cut away her corsage. The fire was put out by removing the inflammable material.

Mrs. Ruark was carried into her rooms. From the waist to the ankles the flesh was literally roasted and gave out a sickening odor. The arms and shoulders were scorched also, but the corset served to save the trunk.

The flesh came away in removing the clothing. When an ambulance arrived to take her to the hospital Mrs. Ruark could not be lifted from the mattress and it served as a litter.

As in most cases of burning the victim remained conscious. Her sufferings were frightful to witness. She screamed in agony and called piteously for her husband.

A messenger was hastily sent to Mr. Ruark, another went for medical aid and a telephone message was sent from Mulhall's drug store, Horton place and DeHodiamont.

Drs. P. A. Bainbridge, 6201 Etzel avenue, and G. C. Eggers, 6945 Horton place, responded to calls and did all that was possible to afford temporary relief. When Mr. Ruark arrived he was nearly distracted.

The ambulance made a fast run, in spite of the rough roads, and the apparently dying woman was taken to the Woman's Hospital, Sixteenth and Pine streets, her husband accompanying her. There she was swathed in oil bandages and rendered as easy as possible, but it was thought her recovery was hardly possible, owing to the large surface burned. It was said she had one chance in ten to recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruark have one child, a son 15 years old. He is visiting in Indiana and was expected home for Christmas this week.

CANDIDATES ON 'CHANGE.

The Merchants' Election Is Causing Some Discussion.

The coming election at the Merchants' Exchange is causing some discussion, but few candidates are in the field yet.

Henry Craft, W. P. Kennett and Chris Sharp are the only names mentioned for the nomination for president.

For Vice-President W. B. Harrison is the only avowed candidate, although Manly B. Richmond has been asked to make the race.

For directors, Ed Tilton seems to be one of the favorites and his friends are hustling to secure him the nomination.

Eugene Field, agent for the Trader's Dispatch, is the candidate of the railroad men on the floor to represent the transportation interests on the board.

B. F. Horn, the cooperage man, who has been a member of the Exchange for thirty years, is also a candidate.

BABCOCK STILL FIGHTS.

Tenders Money for 'Change Dues and It Is Refused.

Another chapter in the now celebrated Babcock case was enacted on change yesterday afternoon.

Broker Babcock, who holds by purchase an exchange certificate of membership No. 6999, armed with a letter written by his attorney, tendered Secretary George H. Morgan the annual dues for 1897, but Mr. Morgan refused to accept the money, and said that unless the dues were paid by the former owner before January 1 the certificate would be forfeited.

Louis Engle was called in as a witness to the tender, and Babcock threatens to bring another suit against the Exchange if the membership is declared forfeited.

SAYS HE WAS CALLED A THIEF.

Old Friends Fall Out Over High-Priced Liquid.

Sigmund Klein and Abraham Hostetter were old friends. Now Hostetter is suing Klein for $20,000 for defamation of character.

Mr. Klein says he never said it. Mr. Hostetter, in his petition in court, says Mr. Klein did say in the Leland Hotel, Springfield, Ill., on Dec. 9: "* * * thief and that by reason of being a thief can ride around St. Louis in fine carriages by beating people."

Mr. Hostetter says the language referred to his son-in-law and partner, Louis Ullman, but he and his partner are one in business.

The trouble, Mr. Hostetter says, grew out of an order of whisky for a friend. It was refused because too costly. Mr. Klein is agent for a Cincinnati liquor house.

Mr. Hostetter sells varnish and lives at 4342 Delmar boulevard.

FROZEN TO DEATH IN THE SNOW

An Unknown Beggar Crawled Into a Packing-House to Die.

The body of an unknown man, frozen to death, was found in the abandoned pork-packing house of Mayer Bros., northeast corner of Elliott avenue and University place, yesterday at noon.

Two little girls of the neighborhood playing on the premises discovered the dead body. It was in one corner of the building in the rear and snow was caked above and around it. The body was sent to the Morgue.

The dead man is a beggar who was in the neighborhood for several days. No one knew him. The man crawled into the building through a crack in the wall, evidently in search of shelter from the snow of Thursday night.

Scalded by Steam.

Steam from a burst heating pipe peeled flesh from the neck of B. W. Monahan, engineer in the boarding-house of Mrs. B. Kraffner, 2926 Washington avenue. He was treated at the dispensary.

For Merchants' Exchange Directory.

Adrian de Young of the Drummond Tobacco Company is a candidate for director of the Merchants' Exchange, to represent manufacturing interests. He is one of the best known men in St. Louis, and will, if nominated by caucus, be easily elected.

MONEY MARKET FIRM.

THE OUTLOOK FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR IS VERY GOOD.

TRAFFIC RETURNS GRATIFYING.

Payments on Account of the Union Pacific Settlement Still Being Felt in a Slight Degree.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The strength of the stock market this morning was chiefly due to the lesser uneasiness in regard to the outlook for the money market during the next three weeks. In addition, purchases of stocks could be ascribed to the Washington advices indicating the probability of the passage of a pooling bill at this session of Congress.

Besides the reports of the mercantile agencies were encouraging, particularly as they referred to the conditions existing in the iron and its related industries. On these influences a buying demand set in, which was largely composed of the covering of short contracts, of which it is believed a considerable amount are outstanding in this market. The London prices for American stocks were quoted a shade above the local closing figures, but very little was done here for foreign account.

The market closed strong.

Money market conditions have come to the fore this week in the general situation and are likely to occupy a prominent position for some weeks to come. There has been a general advance in rates for all forms of banking accommodation, and, while the figures reached cannot reasonably be regarded as stringent, they yet appear so to those accustomed to the plethoric conditions which have prevailed practically since the 1896 elections. The chief cause of the advance was the necessary contraction in loans by reason of payment into the treasury on Thursday of $8,000,000 on account of the settlement of the Union Pacific's debt to the Government. That the payment of such a sum should produce so much effect is rather significant as it indicates the hitherto easy state of the money market was due quite as much to the lack of demand as to the quantity of the supply, and, indeed, considering the expanded state of the bank's loan account and the limited surplus reserves, the supply is no more than adequate.

The greater firmness of the money market has checked the improving tendency in the stock market, and the week has been rather dull and uninteresting. Aside from the state of the money market there has been little change in the situation. The traffic returns of the railways continue to show gratifying gains, and their prosperity was reflected this week in the specific cases of the Big Four and the Southern railway dividends having been resumed on the preferred stock of the first, and a second dividend having been declared on the latter. With the exception of the anthracite stocks, which have enjoyed special strength, the list has lost ground on the week, but the losses have not been severe. It may be expected that the market for the remainder of the year will continue to reflect money market conditions. Owing to the anticipation of the payment of the maturing Pacific railroad bonds by the Government, the ensuing week should see all chances of actual stringency removed.

It is known, however, that the maturing currency bonds are for the most part held in a way by which their retirement and the incidental shifting of money will be accomplished with the least possible friction under the circumstances.

Western Stock Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The following were the closing quotations on Western stocks to-day:

Atchison	13¾	St. Paul	95¾
do pfd	36¾	do pfd	142
Baltimore & Ohio	13⅜	St. P. & Om	78
Canadian Pacific	82¾	do do pfd	150½
Canada Southern	55¾	St. P., M. & M	123
Central Pacific	10½	Southern Pacific	20½
Ches. & Ohio	21⅞	Southern Railway	9½
Chicago & Alton	161	do pfd	32⅝
C., B. & Q	99¾	Texas & Pacific	11¾
Chi. & E. Ill	52½	Union Pacific	25½
C., C., C. & St. L	35¼	U. P., D. & G	7½
do do pfd	80	Wabash	7
Del. & Hudson	115½	do pfd	23¼
D., L. & W	156½	Wheel. & L. Erie	2
Del. & Rio G	11⅝	Adams Express	156
do pfd	45⅞	American Express	115
Erie (new)	15	United States Ex	40
do 1st pfd	38⅝	Wells-Fargo Ex	116
Ft. Wayne	168½	Amer. Cotton Oil	23¼
Gt. North. pfd	130	do pfd	75½
Hocking Valley	4⅝	Amer. Spirits	7½
Illinois Central	104¼	do pfd	18½
Lake Erie & W	16	Amer. Tobacco	86¼
do do pfd	71½	do pfd	111
Lake Shore	174	Peoples' Gas	91
Louis. & Nash	57	Consol. Gas	180¾
Manhattan L	104¼	Com'l Cable Co	175
Met. Traction	122¼	Colo. F. & Iron	22¾
Mich. Central	102⅝	do do pfd	70
Minn. & St. L	25¾	General Electric	33½
do do 1st pfd	87	Illinois Steel	42½
Mo. Pac	34⅜	Laclede Gas	44¾
Mobile & Ohio	28	Lead	34
N. J. C. & T	13½	do pfd	103½
do pfd	36½	Nat. Linseed Oil	16¾
Chi., Ind. & D	9	Ore. Imp. Co	17½
do do pfd	30	Pacific Mail	37¾
N. Y. Central	94⅜	Pullman Palace	172
N. Y. Central	107⅝	Silver Certificates	56
N. Y., Chi. & St. L	13⅜	Stand. R. & Twine	4¼
do do 1st pfd	73	Sugar	138⅝
do do 2d pfd	34	do pfd	112
Northwestern	154	Tenn. Coal & Iron	25
Northwestern, Co	4⅝	U. S. Leather	7
Western Pacific	21½	do pfd	62
do pfd	60⅜	U. S. Rubber	16
Ontario & W	15⅜	do pfd	67
Ore. R. & Nav	36	Western Union	90¼
Ore. Short Line	18	Missouri	12½
Pittsburg	168	do pfd	164
Reading	22⅜	R. G. W	22
Rock Island	90⅝	do pfd	58
St. Louis & S. F	7⅜	C. G. W	15⅝
do do 1st pfd	58½	St. L. & Southwest	4¼
do do 2d pfd	26½	do pfd	10¼

Foreign Finance.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The market for American securities after slight fluctuations improved and closed steady with a moderate demand. There were no special features. Refined sugar, 9s 2½d. Petroleum spirits, 6½d &5¾d.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Bank shares were brisker on the Bourse to-day and improved in price. American securities were quiet.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The demand for gold in the open market is extremely keen on continental account. The sum of 250,000 pounds ($1,250,000) is under shipping orders for Germany alone.

LONDON, Dec. 18, 2 p. m. Closing.—Consols for money, 112 13-16; do for the account, 112 15-16; Canadian Pacific, 84½; Erie, 15⅝; Erie 1st preferred, 39¼; Illinois Central, 106⅞; Mexican ordinary, 18¾; St. Paul common, 96⅝; New York Central, 110¾; Pennsylvania, 58; Reading, 11⅝; Mexican Central new 4s, 69⅜; bar silver, quiet, 25 15-16d per ounce; money, 2¼@2¾ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 2 15-16 per cent; do three months' bills, 3 per cent.

COTTON.

LOCAL MARKET—Quiet and unchanged. Sales, 100 bales. Quotations: Ordinary, 4 5-16c; good ordinary, 4 13-16c; low middling, 5 1-16c; middling, 5 5-16c; good middling, 5 9-16c; middling 5 16-16c. Tinges, ¼c and stains ⅜c below white.

WAREHOUSE STATEMENT TO-DAY.

	1896-97	1895-96.
Net receipts to-day	274	1,000
Net receipts since Sept. 1	91,910	72,000
Net shipments to-day	655	340
Net shipments since Sept. 1	37,155	41,700
Gross receipts to-day	2,642	2,674
Gross receipts since Sept. 1	481,695	329,067
Gross shipments to-day	6,023	2,335
Gross shipments since Sept. 1	426,940	298,704
Stock on hand	62,432	30,160

NEW YORK—Spot quiet; middling, 5¾c; futures closed dull, but steady. Sales, 27,800 bales.

	Closing Highest Friday.	Lowest To-day.	Closing To-day.	Saturday
December	5.64	5.66	5.65	5.66
January	5.67	5.68	5.67	5.68
February	5.70	5.71	5.70	5.71
March	5.74	5.75	5.74	5.75
April	5.79	5.80	5.80	5.80
May	5.84	5.85	5.84	5.85
June	5.88	5.89	5.89	5.89

LIVERPOOL—Market quiet; uplands, 3 3-16d. Sales, 7,000 bales. Futures opened quiet and closed steady.

December	3 7-64
December and January	3 7-64
January and February	3 7-64
February and March	3 8-64
March and April	3 8-64
April and May	3 9-64
May and June	3 11-64
June and July	3 12-64
July and August	3 13-64
August and September	3 14-64
September and October	3 15-64

THE WHEAT MARKET.

BIG CROPS EVERYWHERE INDICATE THAT THE BULLS WILL HAVE TROUBLE.

THE SNOW A GOOD THING.

It Covered the Plants Like a Blanket and Will Protect Them From the Cold.

Conditions in the local wheat market have changed little during the last week, although there have been spasmodic indications of strength.

The result of the special investigation of the wheat crop by the Agricultural Department in placing the wheat yield at 530,000,000 bushels naturally had a depressing effect, although it was generally conceded that the crop was fully that large.

The Russian shipments were again heavy, and the world's shipments of wheat to Europe unusually large, while the foreign markets have not shown the strength that might be expected from the bullishness displayed on this side.

Receipts both here and at Chicago are phenomenally heavy, and nearly all of the wheat now coming is of contract grades. Receipts in the northwest are also heavy and there are no indications of any more falling off than is usual at this season.

A heavy increase is expected in the visible supply to-morrow, and experts are figuring it at about 1,500,000 or more.

Clearances of wheat and flour for the week, according to Bradstreet, were much smaller than they have been for some time, in spite of the heavy export business reported at San Francisco.

Local stocks are increasing steadily and all but about 500,000 bushels of the wheat in public elevators in St. Louis at present is contract wheat.

These stocks, amounting to nearly 1,800,000 bushels, together with the wheat taken by special agreement at outside points and in private elevators make about 2,225,000 bushels of wheat delivered to the local "bull clique" on December contracts, and from the present indications there will be nearly 1,000,000 bushels more to deliver before the December option runs out.

To carry this wheat, figuring insurance, elevator charges, interest and shrinkage, will cost at least 2 cents per bushel per month. With the season more than half gone, prospects for a large crop, heavy receipts, light trading and a falling off of the export clearances the prospects for disposing of this wheat at a profit do not look bright, as the knowledge of the fact that the stocks of wheat are in the hands of a few individuals will tend to check short selling.

The heavy snow fall, which was general throughout the winter wheat belt, has given the growing plant the covering needed to protect it from the rigors of winter and greatly improved the outlook.

The late start caused by the long drought, and the consequent tender condition of the plant when overtaken by winter, caused some apprehension that the crop might be winter-killed, but the present ample snow protection will give it a chance to develop root enough to carry it through the winter.

The heavy receipts at primary points continue, but shipments from these points are growing lighter, showing that in spite of our enormous exports stocks are accumulating and there are no indications that the heavy drain is being seriously felt.

The exports of wheat and flour from both coasts of the United States and Canada from July 8 to date were equal to 119,104,399 bu, and yet our available supply is steadily increasing.

Advices received by the leading commission houses indicate that there are still large quantities of wheat in the country that will come out if prices continue at their present level, and local receipts instead of decreasing are steadily growing heavier. Receipts in the Northwest are still heavy for this season of the year, and stocks at Minneapolis and Duluth will soon be as heavy as they were a year ago.

The condition of the crop in the United Kingdom is even better than the condition in this country, and the Mark Lane Express estimates the increase in the acreage at more than 10 per cent over that sown last year.

English farmers continue to offer wheat quite freely and show no inclination to abate their offers. Prices do not seem to indicate any serious fear of a scarcity, as the average price paid for English wheat for the last few weeks has been only equal to $1.01¼ per bushel.

According to the figures furnished by the Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission, No. 1 hard wheat costing 89½c at Duluth, when delivered in London, figuring all elevator and inspection charges, commissions, freight, insurance, demurrage, towing, trimming and shrinkage in weight, is at least $1.10 3-10 per bushel, so it will be seen that the present prices obtained by English farmers for their wheat do not look very bullish, especially in view of the fact that English patent flours command a better price in the London markets than American spring wheat patents.

Stocks in London are nearly as large as they were a year ago, and stocks of flour in Liverpool and Glasgow are heavier than last year and the market very quiet.

The latest advices from France state that the condition of the growing wheat crop in that country is 90 per cent as compared with 70 per cent a year ago, which is equivalent to an increase of 28½ per cent over last year's condition, and the leading authorities estimate the increased acreage over last year at 1,000,000 acres.

The recent rains have greatly improved the outlook and farmers are highly encouraged.

Imports of wheat continue to some extent, but millers are said to be greatly discouraged over the outlook for the flour trade, and many mills are shutting down on account of the light demand.

From Russia the news in regard to the growing crop is also encouraging. A heavy snowfall has been general, and has atoned for the backward condition of the crop when it went into winter quarters.

Beerbohm estimates that Russia will be able to export from twelve to fourteen million quarters, or from 96,000,000 to 112,000,000 bushels of wheat this season by drawing upon her reserves and the continued heavy shipments from that country would seem to bear out this assertion.

Reports from other European countries are nearly as favorable, and Asia Minor and North African crop prospects are also excellent, so the present world's wheat crop starts out under extremely favorable conditions.

The latest news from Argentine tends to discredit the stories of damage to the wheat crop in that country and different authorities estimate the exportable surplus all the way from 30,000,000 to 50,000,000 bu.

Chili will also have a big crop and the advices from India are also extremely favorable.

Chat From 'Change.

The executive committee of the new Steel Barge Line met in the directors' room of the Merchants' Exchange yesterday to perfect plans for the organization of the new company, but no definite action was taken.

The committee in charge of the entertainment which will be given in the Exchange Hall on the last day of the year report that a first-class performance will be given. The best talent obtainable from each of the local theaters will be engaged for the occasion.

Amadee B. Cole, who went to Eureka Springs to recuperate after a bad attack of malarial fever, is improving, and expects to return soon.

The output of flour from the mills of St. Louis and vicinity for the past week was 60,700 bbls, as compared with 59,000 bbls for the previous week, and 58,000 bbls for the corresponding week a year ago.

ON THE STREET.

(The Post-Dispatch quotations are for lots in first hands, unless otherwise quoted. Orders are filled with choice goods and are higher.)

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—California selling slowly at 20@25c per pint box.

CRANBERRIES—$2.25@2.50 per crate, $6.75@$7.75 per bbl.

QUINCES—Home-grown, 50c per bu; consignments, 30@40c per ½-bu basket; $1.50@1.75 per bbl.

COCOANUTS—$3.50 per 100; $30 per 1,000.

GRAPES—Concord, 12@16c per 9-lb basket for fresh; Catawbas, 10@11c per pony basket for choice; 10-basket crates, $1@1.25 per crate.

ORANGES—California seedlings, $2.75@3 per box; navels, $4@4.25 per box; Mexican, $3.25@3.75; Florida, $3.50@3.75.

LEMONS—Market steady; New Messina, $3.50 per box; old, $2.50@3.

MANDARINS—$2.50@3 per ½ box.

GRAPE FRUIT—$5@7 per box.

BANANAS—On orders: Medium bunches, 75c@$1; choice large, $1.25@1.50.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—$2@2.25 per box.

POMEGRANATES—$3@3.50 per case of 60 for Spanish.

MALAGA GRAPES—$5@7.50 per bbl.

APPLES—Bellefluer, King, Huntsman's Favorite, Jonathan and other fancy varieties, $3.25@4.50 per bbl; Ronan Beauty, Winesap and Willow twig, $2.25@3.50; Ben Davis, $1.50@2.75; Geniting, $1.25@2.25 per bbl; inferior and slack-packed less.

VEGETABLES.

SWEET POTATOES—Selling at from 75@85c per bu, $2.25@2.75 per bbl

ONIONS—Quiet at 90c@$1 for fancy red globe; 75@85c for yellow to 80c for small and inferior per bu, according to quality.

CABBAGE—Quiet. On orders, $1.25 per crate; bulk from $8@9 for common to $10 for choice per ton; red, $15@18 per ton; Holland seed and Danish, $12@12.50 per ton for choice.

TURNIPS—$1 per bbl, 20@25c per dozen bunches.

NEW POTATOES—Louisiana, $1 per bu box.

POTATOES—Choice to fancy Northern Burbank, etc., 50@60c per bu; Triumph, $1@1.05; Ohios, 70@73c; Colorado, 70@80c; Peerless and Hebron, 55@60c; Rose, 60@65c, and mixed, 50@55c per bu.

CARROTS—45@60c per 100 lbs; 20@25c per doz bunches.

BEETS—$1 per bu, 25@30c per doz bunches.

CELERY—10c per bunch for common to 50c for fancy.

CELERY ROOTS—25@35c per doz.

RUTABAGAS—Car lots 22c per bu; $1 per bbl.

HORSERADISH—$3.75 per bbl for home-grown on orders.

SAUERKRAUT—$2.50 per bbl; $1.40 per ½-bbl.

CAULIFLOWER—From $2.50 per crate for California; New York, $4@4.50 per doz.

ASPARAGUS—Hand bunches, $2.50 per doz for home-grown.

STRING BEANS—New Orleans round green, $1.25@1.50 per box; flat wax, 90c; Florida round wax, $1@1.50 per bu; flat wax, $1; round green, $1.25@1.50.

LETTUCE—25@40c per bu box; $1.75@2 per bbl.

CUCUMBERS—60c per doz for choice large, 75c@$1.25 per bu box, small not worth express charges.

GUMBO—$1.75@2 per box; 6-basket crates, $2.25@2.50.

SPINACH—Home-grown, 50c per bu; consignments, $2@2.25 per bbl, 30@40c per hamper, 20c per doz bunches.

PARSNIPS—$1.60 per bbl for washed, $1.40 for unwashed.

RADISHES—New Orleans, choice large, 25@35c per dozen bunches.

KOHLRABI—25@30c per doz bunches.

SHALLOTS—20@25c per doz bunches.

PEPPERS—New Orleans sweet peppers, 75@85c per box.

PARSLEY—20@25c per doz bunches.

EGG PLANT—$1.25@2 per doz.

GREEN PEAS—Southern, 75c per bu.

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EMANCIPATION FOR ST. LOUIS

Ex-Gov. Francis Sees It In the New Steel Barge Line.

IT WILL BE PROFITABLE, TOO.

HIS INVESTIGATIONS SHOW THAT DIVIDENDS WILL COME AT 3 CENTS A BUSHEL TARIFF.

RAILROADS CAN'T COMPETE.

The Proposed Line Would Attract Millions of Bushels of Grain to St. Louis, Railroad Men Tell Mr. Francis.

Ex-Gov. D. R. Francis is enthusiastic over the new steel barge line's prospects. He believes that every patriotic St. Louisan should work for the success of the project. He sees emancipation in it.

"We feel gratified at the progress made," said the Governor last night, "but our work is by no means yet accomplished. We cannot be said to have made any effort thus far to procure subscriptions; our time and attention have been devoted to educating the public as to the necessity of cheap river transportation in order to regain our lost grain trade and to retain that which remains.

"The Post-Dispatch has been rendering very valuable assistance in this line and we think the public mind has been sufficiently impressed to respond promptly to appeals when made by our different committees, as will be done within a few days. The editorial in the Post-Dispatch of Thursday, 'A Steel Barge Line,' stated the situation in a concise and forceful manner, and I think will have a telling effect.

"A meeting of the committee of thirty, fifteen appointed by the Merchants' Exchange and fifteen by the Business Men's League, has been called for Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. in the Merchants' Exchange reading room. We hope every member will attend. Interest in the movement is growing from day to day.

"I received yesterday some statistics from the Terminal Railroad Association which may be of interest to our people. They show a great falling off in the number of cars of grain handled by the Terminal Railroad Association during the past three years.

	Cars.
Grain carried in 1889	26,893
Grain carried in 1890	35,776
Grain carried in 1891	19,319
Grain carried in 1892	28,321
Grain carried in 1893	23,979
Grain carried in 1894	5,672
Grain carried in 1895	6,000
Grain carried in 1896	10,341

"The large crops of corn grown in 1895-96 and the very fine wheat crop raised in Kansas and Nebraska in 1897 should have given us a much larger quantity of grain than we have received. The above figures do not include the cars of grain handled by the Wiggins Ferry Co. nor the cars handled by the Merchants' Bridge Co. from 1891 to 1893 inclusive. I am endeavoring to get the figures from the latter two companies.

"Who will be President of the new barge company when organized?" the ex-Governor was asked.

"That is a question for the subscribers to determine. If your question means to ask whether I shall be President, I desire to say that while it may seem in bad taste to decline a position before it is tendered, still I could under no circumstances accept the place. I am acting as Chairman of the Committee of the Merchants' Exchange, to which this question was referred, and am doing so at the personal request of the President of the Exchange, as well as through a sense of public duty.

"My experience in the grain business as a buyer of grain in the St. Louis market, as a carrier of grain in St. Louis and as a grain exporter have enabled me to see the danger and the necessities of the situation.

"My interest in the city of St. Louis, outside of my grain business, is much greater than my interest in the D. R. Francis & Bro. Commission Company.

"I am in no way connected with any elevator interest in St. Louis. My arrangements have been made to do a grain exporting business along the lines not leading to or through St. Louis, and for five months my business has been transacted along those lines. I have been compelled to adopt that policy because grain could be moved from the fields of production to tidewater by routes cheaper than those leading through St. Louis. Competition in the handling of grain is very strong, so strong that ½c per bushel, or even 1-16c will determine the route the grain will take.

"As Chairman of the Merchants' Exchange Committee on a steel barge line, I have given the subject careful consideration, and although not an experienced navigator, my inquiries have led me to the conclusion that the Mississippi River can be successfully navigated by steel barges of sufficiently light draft to be operated on four feet of water. I also believe that can be done profitably at a tariff of three cents per bushel on grain from St. Louis to New Orleans. Railroad men inform me that such a rate will attract many million bushels of grain to St. Louis which have heretofore gone elsewhere.

"As I have said before, it seems unreasonable to contend that water transportation cannot successfully compete with rail transportation when the roadway in the former is provided and maintained by nature without cost to the transportation company while the roadway for the latter costs from $20,000 to $40,000 per mile to construct, is bonded from $40,000 to $60,000 per mile, and in addition to the fixed interest charge, requires a considerable outlay for maintenance.

"The finest trunk lines in the country, running from Chicago, Duluth and Minneapolis to the Atlantic seaboard, cannot successfully compete with lake transportation, as whalebacks and lake steamers take to Buffalo over 75 per cent of the grain shipped East from Chicago and Duluth.

"I believe St. Louis is very backward in not adopting modern methods for cheapening transportation, and if the barge line now proposed is not organized and operated it will be for the reason that our people are satisfied with the growth in other kinds of business and are reconciled to the loss of a very valuable grain trade. I cannot believe progressive citizens will be so blind to their best interests.

"It is true that other grain exporters are not disposed to take part in this movement, but their lukewarmness is attributable to the fact of their having established relations with transportation routes leading direct to Gulf and Atlantic ports without coming through St. Louis.

"I predict, however, that the subscription will be obtained, the company formed, the towboats and barges constructed and operated, and that within ten years from this time grain will be loaded on the lakes in steel barges and towed by a canal to the Mississippi River and thence to the Gulf."

New Lutheran Church.

The Mount Calvary Evangelical Lutheran congregation was organized Wednesday at 4713 Easton avenue. Services and a Sunday-school have been held here for more than a year, and the formation of a congregation is the result. As a mission this work was under the care of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which Rev. Saumer is pastor. The congregation numbers eight men and twenty women. The Sunday-school has ninety pupils. A parochial school has also been opened, in which attention is paid to the German. The next meeting will be held on the second Thursday evening in January. Regular services are held at the chapel, 4713 Easton avenue, on Sunday mornings and evenings. Christmas celebration on Dec. 24, 7:30 p. m.

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The necessity for the extensions that Doctor Copeland has made of the opportunity under the $5 Rate can only be appreciated by those who have seen the throngs of people crowding his offices during the concluding days of the two periods given. Only those who have witnessed with their own eyes the anxiety and the eagerness of these applicants to obtain the benefits of the offer, who have perhaps themselves shared in this eagerness, who have seen rich and poor alike, dwellers in the city and dwellers out of the city, thronging the waiting rooms until it was plainly impossible for twenty physicians to care for even a small proportion of them—only those who have witnessed these things can at all appreciate the pressure brought to bear upon Doctor Copeland to make the extensions he has made. This Final Extension to the end of the year was the result of such a pressure as this, only that the pressure was intensified tenfold by the crowds of people over anything that had preceded in the history of the practice. In making this final extension Doctor Copeland therefore insisted upon giving tenfold emphasis to its condition—namely, that it is absolutely final; that it carries with it a distinct notice that on the 1st of January the $5 opportunity ceases. All new patients applying for treatment after that date and paying the regular fees will have no just reason to be disappointed or no just ground for criticism on the score of partiality, for the notice and the warning have been abundant and emphatic. Doctor Copeland has insisted that this notice of the final opportunity be made to stand as a permanent feature of these announcements during this entire period.

In view of repeated extensions, Doctor Copeland desires that this notice be given unusual prominence. The month of December is absolutely the last opportunity under the $5 Rate. It will never be given again in this practice. In can not be indefinitely extended without actual loss, and it will be withdrawn except to those patients already under treatment on January 1st.

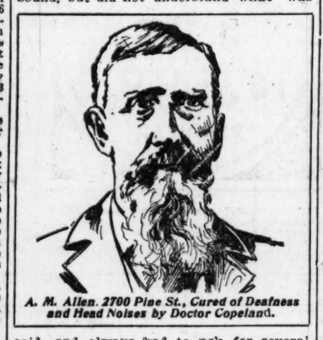
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said, and always had to ask for several repetitions. I was afraid to cross the streets because if I did not see a street car or wagon approaching I would not be aware it was near. So you can realize the danger I was in at all times. It was no pleasure at all to attend church or go to a lecture, as I could not understand what was said.

"The noises in my head were very troublesome. Sometimes they were like the whistle of the cars; then again there was a popping in my ears and often it sounded as loud as a clap of thunder.

"I could not attend to business. I gave up work entirely and devoted my time to obtaining a cure. Under the treatment of one doctor I got worse all the time. Then I read in the papers of the cures by Doctor Copeland and went to him for treatment with the result of a perfect restoration of my hearing.

"The Copeland treatment is wonderfully gentle compared with that of other doctors and I am very enthusiastic in its favor, as it restored my hearing when I was rapidly approaching total deafness.

"Now I can hear perfectly and am entirely relieved of the noises in the head."

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Mrs. Jennie Wilson, 525 N. Spring av.: "For twenty-five years I had been deaf in my right ear and for the last twenty years that ear was absolutely stone deaf. Last winter my left ear also began to get deaf and became worse and worse, and I have no doubt the result would ultimately have been total deafness.

"I also suffered from constant noises in the head like the distant pounding of a hammer.

One of Doctor Copeland's Lectures upon the condition of impaired hearing relates solely to head noises (condition known by the doctors as Tinnitus Aurium). This paper will be mailed free to any address.

"I was so deaf that when I talked with people, though I could hear their voices, the sound was confused and I could not catch what was said. I couldn't hear the sermons at church and the music seemed far off in the distance. I was not only very deaf, but my deafness was rapidly getting worse.

"I read in the papers of the wonderful cure of Mrs. Nellie Bosquit, 1811 Gaty avenue, East St. Louis, Ill., by the Copeland Physicians, and her case was so much like mine that I determined to go to them for treatment. I did so, with the result that my hearing is perfectly restored.

"I attend St. John's Methodist Church, and now I can distinctly hear the sermons. My hearing is really very acute. There is a small clock in my kitchen and before the cure I could not hear it when I was there by it, but now when I am up-stairs I can hear the constant ticking of this little clock."

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Last spring and early summer I was feeling very much out of health. Then Bronchial Catarrh set in with shortness of breath and a wheezing and rattling in the chest. It was quite an effort for me to walk around or go upstairs. I would have to stop and pant for breath. I had no appetite and was losing flesh. I decided the best thing I could do was to make application to Doctors Copeland and Thompson for treatment. I did so, and through their skillful and kindly treatment I am feeling quite well in every respect. All the unpleasant symptoms have disappeared.

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His treatment had an immediate good effect, which has continued and to-day she is hearty and strong, without the slightest



Mrs. C. H. Tennyson, Mount Carmel, Ill., Cured of Catarrh of Stomach by Doctor Copeland.

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The reader may obtain the full text of Doctor Copeland's paper explaining the relation of catarrh to consumption by calling at the office or by writing for it.

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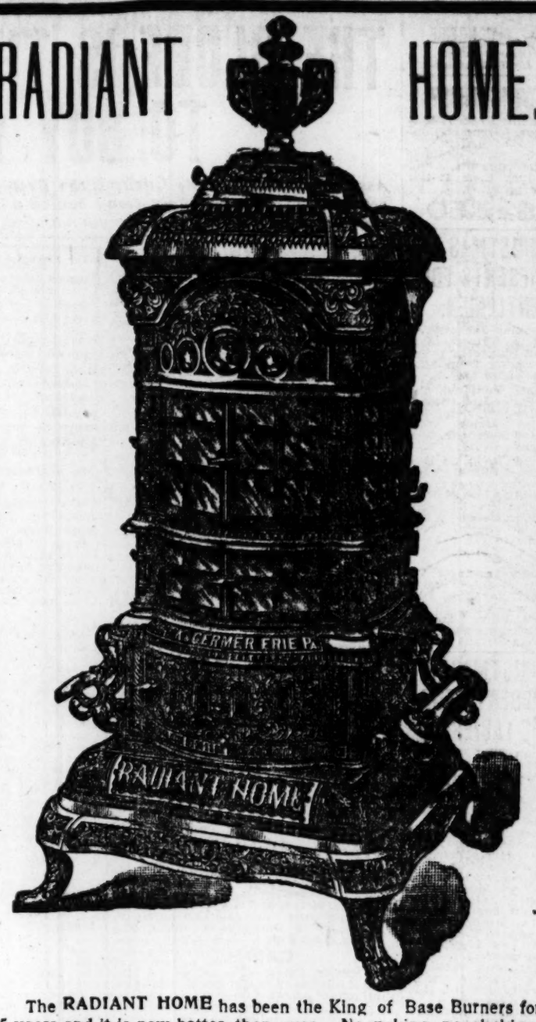
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NEWS FROM SKAGUAY.

LETTER TO THE POST-DISPATCH FROM POLICEMAN RING.

HE LIKES THE PLACE WELL.

Skid Roads and Other Conveniences Will Be Built in Time for the Spring Rush.

George R. M. A. Ring, who was for eleven years a patrolman on the St. Louis police force, is now seeking his fortune in Alaska. He is at present at Skaguay and says that as far as peace and quiet are concerned Skaguay is a paradise compared to St. Louis.

Policeman Ring says in a letter to the Post-Dispatch:

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

SKAGUAY, Dec. 3, 1897.

Dear Sir—"I take this liberty as an old patron of your paper to let you and my friends know the truth about Skaguay and Dyea. I have been over both trails, and must say that the people and press have not done justice to Skaguay. It is true that for a while last fall, when there were pack trains with men, horses, mules, oxen and every thing that you could imagine that could or would carry a pound on this trail, and, of course, they expected to find the trail laid in asphaltum and like our streets down there, but instead the steady string of horses and cattle made it almost impassable. But we are ready for them now, we have got a wagon road with iron bridges across Skaguay River the canon and Porcupine Creek, and now a man can drive a team almost up to the summit, and by the first of January you will be able to load at the wharf and go to Lake Bennett without a change in your cargo. Besides this they are building what is known as a skid tram road from the wharves to Lake Bennett which they expect to have completed by March 1. They have got 400 men working at present, and have started their saw-mill.

"The press has given Skaguay a black eye in regard to the people being a hard class, but that is all wrong. I have been here since Sept. 8 and all that has happened here worth mentioning is the Rossmith-Buchanan case, where the woman tried to give the man the go-by for another man and he shot her and then himself, and made a good job of it, as they both died inside of half an hour. Otherwise there has hardly been as much as a common drunk in the town.

"We have a small town here of about 1,000 inhabitants, and there are about fourteen general merchandise stores, twelve saloons, three barber shops, three tin shops, one photograph gallery, one newspaper, one dance hall, three gambling halls, an electric light plant and a brewery. Most of the business men are from Seattle, Portland and Astoria. I forgot to mention that we have three hotels, with good straw mattresses to break you in on before you hit the road for the Klondike, as the only bed you will get from here to White Horse Rapids will be snow and ice. There will be a tram road around the rapids; also a large hotel is to be built as soon as the lumber can be sawed. They are packing the saw mill over this trail now. Respectfully,

GEORGE R. M. A. RING.

THAT AWFUL JOURNEY.

Hundreds of Miners Will Perish Trying to Reach Supplies.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

VICTORIA, British Columbia, Dec. 18.—The returned Klondikers, W. Kastner and George McLachland, who left Dawson City Nov. 3 and arrived here on the steamer Corona, report that at least 1,000 men will try to escape the starvation at Dawson City by trying in midwinter the awful overland route back to Dyea and Skaguay, nearly 1,000 miles.

As the matter now stands 1,800 miners are on the way or will soon start for Fort Yukon and 1,000 more will try to reach Skaguay and Dyea. This will leave about 8,000 men in the gold fields with food for considerably less than 3,000, as the departing miners will take out every ounce of provisions they own, to carry them through the dreary journeys to Fort Yukon and Skaguay.

Most of these men are unaccustomed to the intense cold of an Alaskan winter, and are inexperienced in the country. That many of them will perish on the way to the fort and on the way to Skaguay is looked upon as a certainty.

Not even the native Indians could be induced to make the journey, at this season, between Skaguay and Dawson. Most of the time the thermometer ranges between 55 and 72 degrees below zero, and with the exception of a few camps the other side of Chilkoot pass there are no shelter places from beginning to end of the trip.

DILLON AND REDMOND.

Irish Leaders May Yet Unite in Political Course.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Parnellites are jubilant at the statements made by John Dillon, chairman of the Irish Nationalist party, at the meeting of the National Federation at Dublin on Wednesday last, who upon that occasion said that he agreed with John Redmond, the Parnellite leader, that all sections of the Nationalists should arrive at an understanding upon the leading Irish questions before the reassembling of Parliament, and suggested a conference on the subject between the Irish members. These remarks are interpreted by the Parnellites as being a confession of the correctness of their attitude toward the Liberals.

Mr. Redmond said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"Mr. Dillon at last admits that the Liberals, at whose orders Mr. Parnell was deposed, have abandoned home rule. But he must go a step further and repudiate unequivocally and openly any alliance with the Liberals. Until he does so, no union of the Parnellites with him or his party is possible."

The Westminster Gazette voices the Liberal sentiment, saying:

"The party will have to free itself from the thralldom which Mr. Dillon seeks to impose upon it, even at the cost of incurring the displeasure of his friends."

This paper further admits that if the Liberals gave Mr. Dillon the pledge demanded they would not have the slenderest chance of returning to power.

PET DOG COMMITS SUICIDE.

Suffering From Malaria, It Hangs Itself in a Swing.

Flora is dead. She died of despondency aided by the rope of the children's swing. The verdict is suicide.

There will be a large funeral, for Flora had hosts of friends. Little children will be the chief mourners. Six little Beckers will shed tears of genuine grief. Flora was their pet.

The big Newfoundland had played with them ever since it was a nice pup two and one-half years ago. Its despondency came of malaria.

The Beckers live at 1112 North Sixth street. The children's swing is in the cellar. Mrs. Becker heard moans. She found the dog tied in the swing. It had climbed up, wound the rope around its neck and throat. A policeman's aim ended the dog's misery.

Trading Stamps at Boyd's.

Ladies doing Christmas shopping should remember they can get trading stamps at Boyd's, 514 and 516 Olive, on all cash purchases.

There Never Was a Sale of

MEN'S SUITS and OVERCOATS



Like this. Don't overlook the great line of Men's Suits, in Cassimeres, Cheviots and Worsteds, well made and sold at other so-called sales for almost double... $4.48

All-Wool, Beaver and Kersey Overcoats..... $4.95

A Positive Saving of $5.00.

See the handsome line All-Wool Suits — Clays, Cassimeres, Cheviots, Worsteds, Tweeds, etc.—lovely patterns, beautiful effects—we sell at $7.45

Overcoats—We have a special good line in Kersey, Beaver, Covert Cloth and Chinchillas in this sale.....

Like Finding Money to buy one of these Men's Suits and Overcoats—imported and domestic materials and made as good as any tailor can make them and the price—phenomenally low—in this sale..... $9.85

Nobby Dressers' Delight.

A first-class line of Suits and Overcoats, made of the very best imported and domestic materials, as nice as you pay double..... $12.25

The Richest in the Land—Suits and Overcoats fine enough for the most fastidious, and beauties they are, in this sale..... $14.35

SHOES

Philadelphia Bankrupt Stock.



Ladies', Misses' and Children's Rubbers..... 9c

Infants' Soft Shoes..... 9c

Ladies' Overgaiters... 19c

Men's Rubbers..... 12½c

Men's Felt Boots..... 29c

Ladies' Warm Lined Felt Slippers, leather soles..... 35c

Child's Patent Tip Leather Shoes..... 25c

Misses' and Children's Patent Tip Lace Shoes, 9 to 13..... 79c

Child's all solid School Shoes..... 75c

Ladies' Plain Toe Button Shoes, small sizes, worth $3.00, $4.00 and $5.00..... 49c

Ladies' Cloth Top Patent Tip Button Shoes, all sizes..... 99c

300 pairs Ladies' Fine Sample Lace Shoes, all the latest toes, small sizes..... $1.49

Ladies' Hand-Welt Lace Shoes; all styles..... $2.00

Youths' All-Solid School Shoes, 12 to 2..... 89c

Boys' and Youths' Winter Tan Lace Shoes; worth $2.00..... $1.19

Men's Lace and Congress Shoes, all sizes..... 98c

Men's Calf Lace and Congress Shoes..... $1.50

Men's Hand-Sewed Calf Lace Shoes, worth $3.00..... $1.95

SPECIAL NOTICE.
Open Evenings Until Christmas.

HOW IS THIS?

Genuine French Montagnac Overcoats, only to be had at high-priced clothing establishments, and sold by them at $50; our price,

$22.50

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR GENTLEMEN.

Smoking Jackets, Velvets, Tricots, Japan Silk, etc., prices ranging from $12.00 down to $3.95.

Fancy Bordered, also White, Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, Initial Japan Silk Handkerchiefs, $1.00 down to 25c.

Finest Imported Brocaded Silk Mufflers, white or fancy, $3.50 as low as 50c.

Suspenders in hand-embroidered Silk and Satin, each pair in fancy glass box, $2.00 down to 50c.

Neckwear, finest Vienna and Persian Silk Novelties, $1.50 down to 25c.

A handsome box free with every necktie, from 50c and above.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR THE LADIES.

Japan Silk Embroidered Handkerchiefs, $1.00 down to 8 1-3c.

Japan Silk, White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with Initials, 25c and 15c.

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Handsome Fans of every description, ostrich, lace, silk, gauze, hand-painted, etc., prices from $5 down to 25c.

Ladies' Neckwear, Collarettes, etc., $1.50 down to 50c.

Silk Garters, with pretty buckles, $1.50 down to 10c.

THE GLOBE IS THE BEST PLACE TO BUY YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS.

Assortment the Largest—Qualities the Best—Prices the Lowest. All Clothing bought of us kept in repair free. We absolutely stand behind all we sell and say—you take no chances in buying of us. Our ad is our bond. If you are not satisfied, back goes your money.

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Oak Dressers or Sideboards, worth 75c, go at..... 45c

Same in large size, trimmed in brass, worth $1.50, go at..... 95c

White enamel Dressers, with brass trimmings, very attractive, worth $2, go at..... $1.35

Very handsome White Enameled Dressers worth $3.50, go at..... $2.25

Tables and Chairs of every description.



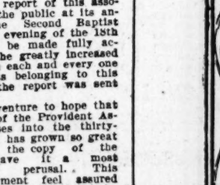
$1.50 Velocipedes, with adjustable seats..... 95c

Fancy Metal Drums, $2.00 down to..... 19c

Tool Chests, complete, $2.50 down to..... 19c

Educational Cabinets, Hanging Desks and Blackboards combined, with complete outfit, worth $3.50, while they last..... $1.50

Magic Lanterns, $8.00 down to..... 39c



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Steam Engines, $7 down to.... 25c

A B C Blackboards, on easels, 45c and... 19c

Alphabet, Picture and Story Books, 5c, 10c, 15c and..... 25c

Dickens, Irving, Dumas and Cooper's Works, cloth bound, while they last.. 15c

GAMES.

Jack Straws, Authors, Peter Codle, Old Maids and other games, 5c and... 10c

Hundreds of Assorted Games..... 25c

$5 CAMERAS, 95c.

Genuine Dudley Make, Guaranteed to take Pictures Size 3¼ by 4¼ or money refunded.



Book of Instruction free with each Camera. Size of Camera 5x6x9 inches. Several hundred sold—a few hundred left. Price ridiculous; quantity limited. So come quick if you want one. A $5.00 Camera..... 95c

DOLLS!



Best Kid Body Dolls, bisque heads, natural hair wigs, open or sleeping eyes, $1.50, down to..... 25c

Dressed Dolls, the prettiest in the European market, $5 and as low as.. 10c

Finest French Dolls, jointed throughout, bisque heads, natural hair, sleeping eyes, according to quality and size, $10 down to..... 25c

Large Doll Swings, worth 50c go at..... 19c

Doll Bodies, Doll Heads, Doll Shoes, Doll Stockings, etc.

See the Revolving Musical Christmas Tree, the Circus Menagerie, the Prize Fighters and many other speaking, laughing, musical figures, especially imported by us, and cannot be seen elsewhere in the city.

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Men's Plush Caps in any style, the ones that are worth $1.50 and $2.00... 98c

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The late season has caused us to sacrifice our entire line of Men's, Boys' and Children's headwear.

Plush Caps for boys, extra quality, Golf, Brighton or Turban styles; these goods are worth $1.00; now..... 50c

Men's Stiff and Fedora Hats, all the new Holiday Blocks, black and brown colors; they are the regular $2.50 goods, for..... $1.69

TOYS.

$1 box of Brownie Band Tenpins..... 45c

25 Royal Cadets on movable platform... 45c

$1.25 Writing Desks, with double blackboards..... 65c

$2.50 large Hook and Ladder Truck... $1.65



50c Folding Doll Beds and Cradles..... 19c

Complete Typewriters, useful and instructive, only..... 98c



China Tea Sets..... $2.00 down to 3c

Columbia Washing Machines, complete..... $1.35

Doll Buggies, hundreds to select from; $6.00 down to..... 19c

Large Footballs, according to size; $1.00 down to..... 45c

Magic Box with its dancing figures—unbreakable—will amuse young or old..... 45c



Complete Wash Sets, 45c and 19c

Schoenhut Pianos, $12 down to.. 19c

A B C Picture Building Blocks, $1 down to 8c

Iron Toys, Fire Engines, Tin and Iron Stoves, Mechanical Toys, Air Rifles, etc., etc., etc.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
Open Evenings Until Christmas.

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To insure prompt attention, must be accompanied by cash or money order. In ordering, to avoid delay, please be explicit.

Fancy Goods and Albums.

There is nothing in the line of fancy goods we do not carry. Our stock consists of an endless variety of hand-painted Celluloid Glove and Handkerchief Sets, $3.50, and as low as 50c.

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Toilet and Manicure Sets, $10.00, and as low as 50c.

Silver-Plated Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets warranted not to tarnish, $6.00, and as low as $1.50.

Gents' Collar and Cuff Boxes, $3.00, and as low as 50c.

Celluloid Necktie Boxes, hand-painted, $2.50, and as low as 25c.

Albums, with fancy celluloid leather or plush cover, $8.00, and as low as 35c.

Musical Albums, playing two airs, as low as $3.95.

Pocketbooks and Purses, Chatelaines of finest leather, $2.50, and as low as 25c.

Japan Silk Mantel Lambrequins, and Scarf Head Rests and Pillows; we are closing them out at half price.

Drummers' Samples of Finest Leather Goods, Music Rolls, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Dressing Cases, Brush and Comb Rolls, Blacking Sets, etc., at your own price.

Small Bric-a-Brac, Sterling Silver Manicure, Bronze Photo Frames and Mirrors, Fancy Dresden and Bohemian Glass, Powder and Jewel Cases, Atomizers, White Metal Goods and many novelties at prices that will defy all competition.



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We Defy Any Sale to Show Such Prices for Qualities.

Good Strong Double-Breasted Cheviot suits, for Boys, up to 15 years, at..... 79c

Handsome Cheviot and Cassimere Boys' suits, elegant modes..... $1.45

Boys' Serviceable Chinchilla Reefers—trimmed 89c

Chinchilla Reefers, handsomely $1.28

Boys' Cassimere and Overcoats—In Cheviots, Worsteds and all the best known ..... $2.45, $2.95 and $4.95

For Young Men Up to 20 Years.

Black and Blue Kersey Overcoats..... $4.95

Baltimore Merchant Tailor-Made Suits and Overcoats, no finer made, $7.45 and $9.65

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S CLOAKS.



Cincinnati bankrupt Sale continued. Greater values than ever

Girls' Scotch Plaid Dresses, silesia lined all through—made with fancy brocatelles, trimmed in rows of braid, former price $1.50.. 75c

Children's Eiderdown Cloaks, lined and padded, rolling collar, trimmed in 98c

Girls' Jackets, empire and coat effect, large Egyptian slashed collar, handsomely trimmed in braid, Cincinnati price $5.00..... $2.45

Ladies' Handsome Plush Capes, full sweep, edged with genuine thibet fur, Cincinnati price, $6.00, go at..... $2.95

Ladies' Heavy Beaver Jackets, box front, rolling collar, worth $4.00, go at..... $2.79

Ladies' extra fine quality Beaver and Cheviot Jackets, inlaid or slashed collar with appliqued kersey straps or handsomely embroidered braid, some of them lined throughout, worth up to $8.00, go at..... $3.95

Ladies' handsome Kersey Jackets, box or fly front, shaped seams, inlaid velvet collar, comes in all the leading shades, Cincinnati price $15.00, go at..... $8.95

Ladies' handsome Silk Plush Capes, all lengths, plain or empire effects, elaborately embroidered in jet and braid and edged with genuine Thibet fur, Cincinnati price up to $15.00; your choice at..... $7.95

FREE! A Ladies' Handsome Feather Boa or Fur Muff given away with every purchase of $5.00 and above in our Ladies' Cloak Department.

Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves.

French Kid Gloves, every pair perfect, assorted colors, Foster hook or button..... 75c

Our Florence—every pair guaranteed and fitted to the hand; all colors, including the new green, bluett, helia and red, in clasp, button and hook..... $1.00

Our Vienna, none better, made of French Kid, all colors..... $1.50

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A choice line of Fur Gauntlets and Gloves, for Men and Boys, at lowest possible prices.

Remember Our Double Guarantee.

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Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas.

Ladies' Full-size Silk Umbrellas, endless variety of handles, such as hand-painted, Dresden, Sterling Silver and Mother-of-Pearl, Fancy Horn, Celluloid and Natural Wood, etc., $7.50, $5.00, $3.50, $2.50, $1.50, and as low as..... 95c

Gents' full 28-inch Silk Umbrellas, Sterling Silver Mounted, Natural Wood, Silver and Pearl, Horn and Celluloid handles, $10.00, $7.00, $5.00, $3.00, $2.00 and..... $1.00

THE TRAIN WAS UPSET

AND NINETEEN PERSONS WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED.

A SWITCH WAS BROKEN

And the Passing Train Jarred It Loose So That the Cars Were All Ditched.

DENNISON, Io., Dec. 18.—The Northwestern overland limited met with a serious accident at Vail, Io., this morning, caused by a mail sack striking a switch board and breaking it below the lock. The passing of the train loosened the switch. The two engines stayed on the track. The seven cars left the track and were overturned. The train consisted of a combination baggage and smoker, three sleepers, two tourist and one chair car. There were about eighty passengers on board. Nineteen were injured, but none seriously. The wreck is a costly one. The train is the finest run on the Northwestern main line and the sleeping cars are badly smashed. Fire broke out in the baggage car, but it was extinguished by the trainmen. Hon. J. S. Dewell of Missouri Valley received a bad scalp wound; Lieutenant-Governor-elect Mollinan left the train at Carroll and thus missed the accident. The names of the injured are:

REV. C. T. TUNNELL, Spring City, Utah.
A. C. ERNELITTO, stockman, South Dakota.
JAMES TWINER, news agent, Cedar Rapids, Io.
FLYNN, Northwestern roadmaster.
BARNEY GORDON, San Francisco.
D. B. HOWELLS, Creston, Io.
J. B. BERRY, Omaha, chief engineer F. E. & M. V. Railway.
C. H. FOLSOM, Plainview, Neb.
S. C. HARNEY, Chicago.
MRS. L. M. CALLAWAY, Neligh, Neb.
S. L. BUNNELL, Spring City, Utah.
J. F. F. DOUNS, Ephraim City, Utah.
WM. FAULKNER, florist, Omaha.
R. A. DAVIES, Fremont, Neb.
W. R. WILLIAMS, Blair, Neb.
W. B. PARKIN, conductor.
G. L. WHEELER, brakeman.
W. BARBEE, porter.

Traffic was delayed almost six hours. None of the injuries extend beyond bruises or sprains.

Low ticket and tourist sleeper rates to points on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Ry. on Dec. 21. Ticket office 103 North Broadway.

Lunch and Bazaar.

A lunch and bazaar is to be held at St. Peter's Church, corner Lindell and Spring avenues, Tuesday night.

BABY'S SKIN

In all the world there is no other treatment so pure, so sweet, so safe, so speedy, for preserving, purifying, and beautifying the skin, scalp, and hair, and eradicating every humor, as warm baths with CUTICURA SOAP, and gentle anointings with CUTICURA (ointment), the great skin cure.

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THE PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION.

Letter Asking Contributions to Support a Well-Known Charity.

The St. Louis Provident Association entered upon its thirty-ninth year Nov. 1, and has just issued its annual call for contributions. This call is made for an amount estimated to cover the necessary expenses of the entire year.

Formerly these collections were made by personal solicitation, conducted by members of the Board of Directors. In the enlargement of the work of the Association and corresponding increase of the needed revenue, this service became burdensome, and the plan was adopted two years ago of solicitation by mail and by this public appeal through the city press to reach those who may not have been directly addressed and who would wish to contribute to this charity. Full information concerning its operations are given in the annual report, which can be had on personal application at central office, 1117 Locust street, or will be mailed on request by postal, or telephone, 926.

The following is the form of letter of solicitation:

The thirty-eighth annual report of this association was placed before the public at its annual meeting, held in the Second Baptist Church of this city, on the evening of the 18th ult., and that you should be made fully acquainted, in detail, with the greatly increased and improved work done in each and every one of the various departments belonging to this great charity, a copy of the report was sent you by recent mail.

The Board of Directors venture to hope that your interest in the work of the Provident Association, which now passes into the thirty-ninth year of its existence, has grown so great that upon receipt of the copy of the report sent you, you gave it a most careful and thorough perusal. This being done, the management feel assured the character and wonderful magnitude of the results therein shown to have been accomplished, has decided you to assist us to the utmost extent of your ability in pressing on to even greater achievements in our efforts to benefit and uplift the needy and unfortunates of our great and constantly growing city. The large number already daily appearing at our central office wanting assistance, very many of whom have never asked help before, forewarns us that provision must be made for another winter, which can but prove hard on the poor.

The operations of the Provident Association are limited only by its income. There are other important benevolences we ought to embrace, but the most weighty matter now before us is to get the money to carry on this eminently worthy and most stupendous work for another year, and to do this we must once more appeal to the well-known generosity of our citizens, and trust you may be pleased to aid us to the extent of $1, forwarding the same at earliest convenience in inclosed envelope, addressed to R. M. Scruggs, President. In behalf of the Provident Association, very sincerely and earnestly yours,

R. M. SCRUGGS, President.
SAM'L CUPPLES, Vice-President.
CHARLES PARSONS, Treasurer.
GEO. H. MORGAN, Secretary.

SOUTHERN HOTEL CHANGES.

Most Magnificent Smoking Room, Bar and Barber Shop in the U. S.

Saturday afternoon was a gala occasion at the Southern Hotel and that popular hostelry was crowded all afternoon and evening with ladies as well as gentlemen, who came to view the magnificent improvements that had been made. The Southern Hotel Co. has spent $150,000 on remodeling the famous hotel, and the results obtained are superbly magnificent.

Saturday the new barber shop, bar and smoking-room were thrown open. The barber shop is one of the handsomest in the West, and as soon as its complete furnishings are placed will be palatial in all its appointments.

The bar and smoking-room are certainly the most magnificently fitted and appointed in the United States. The bar has a vaulted roof of glass mosaic and the two end panels are gems. They each cost $2,000. The smoking-room is finished in Flemish oak and glass mosaic, the two rooms forming a perfect bower of beauty, accentuated by rows of electric lights. The glassware is the finest that can be had—all cut glass.

The cafes for ladies and gentlemen are to be opened in about two weeks. The appointments will be of the finest and the service will be of the highest possible grade of elegance combined with a superb cuisine.

There was an opening reception in the buffet Saturday afternoon, at which a lunch was served. A feature was the several beautiful specimens of culinary art. The bar was crowded to a late hour by well-known men who came to congratulate the management on the beautiful results that had been attained in the decorations.

ENGLAND MAKES A THREAT.

Sugar Bounties Must Cease or She Will Put on Duties.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The indications point to a passage in the Queen's speech at the opening of Parliament referring to the sugar interests of the Colonies. It will probably be announced that the government has decided to propose a conference of powers interested in the sugar bounties. It is understood that the government is prepared to announce at such a conference that unless the bounty system is abandoned Great Britain will impose countervailing duties. The Colonial Office has been greatly exercised since the West Indian Committee reported and since the discussions in the Reichstag, in which Herr Richter admitted that should Great Britain follow the lead of the United States and tax bounty-fed sugar, the death knell of bounties would be sounded.

Signs are not lacking that both Germany and France are not anxious to abolish the bounties, but neither will abandon them so long as the other is free to maintain them and so monopolize the English market. The objections of the free traders to the prospective measure will probably be overcome by a guarantee that the duties will be reversed as soon as the bounties have ceased.

The signs of unrest in the sugar colonies are having effect upon the authorities. A West India planter writes to a friend in London, saying:

"If the standard of rebellion is raised in favor of an alliance with the United States, I will volunteer forthwith. We owe all our sufferings to the imperial action and it is high time it was ended. England will have a rude awakening."

SHAVING PIT FIRE.—Sawdust in a hot air pipe in the machine-room of Staude & Reuckoldt, store and bank fixture manufacturers, Broadway and Monroe street, fired a shavings pit. Charles Joy owned the building. Damage slight.

Good Shepherd Holiday Sale.

There is only a week's more time in which to visit the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Gravois and Bamberger avenues, for the holiday sale going on. The presents are useful, handsome and ornamental articles, and from the hands of the Sisters themselves.

Ingalls' Time Payment Plan. Page 23.

Tuesday's Musical Programme.

Tuesday at 3 p. m. the "Tuesday Musical" will present a programme "Living Composers" to its members and friends through the medium of section III. It is anticipated with pleasure.



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I very cheerfully state that I have used Durang's Rheumatic Remedy, prepared by you, with decided benefit, and am in much better condition than I was some months ago, which improvement I attribute to this remedy.

Yours truly, ALEX. H. STEPHENS, Ex-Vice-President of the C. S., National Hotel, Washington, D. C.

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SUNDAY WANT DIRECTORY.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH.

SUNDAY WANT DIRECTORY.

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SITUATIONS WANTED—MALES.

20 words or less, 5c.

ACCOUNTANT—An A1 accountant will post up set of books several evenings during the week for small compensation. Ad. T 676, Post-Dispatch.

ADVERTISER—Wanted, a position as advertiser, circular distributor, tack up signs; have had 6 years' experience; can furnish bond and reference. Ad. O 663, Post-Dispatch.

BAKER—Wants position as first hand; guarantee satisfaction in all branches. Ad. N 676, Post-Dispatch.

BARTENDER—Situation wanted by first or second-class bartender; can give good refs. Ad. A 678, Post-Dispatch.

BARTENDER—Situation wanted by an experienced bartender; have been in business 7 years; would like a position in some first-class bar. Ad. M 698, Post-Dispatch.

BARTENDER—Young man wants situation as bartender; is willing to do any kind work; good driver and advertiser; give best of refs. Ad. P 667, Post-Dispatch.

BARTENDER—Situation wanted as bartender; references; sober; wages reasonable. Ad. E 669, Post-Dispatch.

BOOKKEEPING—Wanted, set of books to keep evenings by young man; 10 years' experience; A1 refs. Ad. H 676, Post-Dispatch.

BOOKKEEPER—Wanted, situation as bookkeeper, stenographer or clerk; experienced; have plenty of brains and muscle; know how to use both. Ad. G 674, Post-Dispatch.

BOOKKEEPER—Position wanted by young man as bookkeeper; 7 years' experience in wholesale house; A1 refs. Ad. K 676, Post-Dispatch.

BOOKBINDER—Job wanted by bookbinder; can rule, forward and finish. Ad. F 673, Post-Dispatch.

BOOKBINDER—Situation wanted by a working foreman; all-round bookbinder; up in detail, swift and good habits. Ad. A 673, Post-Dispatch.

BOOKKEEPER—German book-keeper, with first-class references, desires a position in a wholesale house; willing to serve in any part of business; reasonable salary. Ad. X 670, Post-Dispatch.

BOOKKEEPER—Wanted, by a young man, position as bookkeeper and stenographer; experienced. Ad F 666, Post-Dispatch.

BOOKKEEPER—Shoe manufacturers, attention! Situation wanted as bookkeeper, city drummer and collector, good hustler in the business. Ad. T 659, Post-Dispatch.

BOOKKEEPER—Wanted, books to write up; will adjust partnership accounts for mechanics and others who are payment account is not required. Ad. C 660, Post-Dispatch.

BOY—Boy of 17 would like work of some kind. Ad. N 667, Post-Dispatch.

BOY—A strong boy of 15 is willing to do anything. 3680 Clark av.

BOY—Strong boy wants work of any kind. Ad. 2226½ Adams st.

BOY—Wants position in office, store or factory. Ad. 1214 N. 18th st.

BOY—Situation wanted as dining-room or house-boy. 3739 Page av.

BOY—Wanted, situation by boy of 17 to learn good trade, drawing preferred. Ad. 1314 S. 7th st.

BOY—Situation wanted by a boy of 18; can do most anything; can give good reference; will work for reasonable salary. Ad. H 677, Post-Dispatch.

BUTCHER—Wanted, situation by a man, 33 years old, as butcher; good meat cutter; must have work; will work cheap. Ad. C 677, Post-Dispatch.

BUTLER—Wanted, sit. by a young colored man, 22, as butler or coachman; ref. Ad. W 668, Post-Dispatch.

CARPENTER—Is willing to work at most any price, by day or job; must have work. Ar. X 669, Post-Dispatch.

CARPENTER—Wanted, by a reliable carpenter, situation; $1.50 per day; or will take work by job; send postal. Jos. 1620 Carr st.

CARPENTER—Cabinetmaker or machine hand, wants inside job; aged 33; good workman; wages $1 50 per day. Ad. N 661, Post-Dispatch.

CLERK—Wanted, position by young man in grocery or meat shop or in any other business. Ad. D. C., 5400 Manchester av.

CLERK—Wanted, position by a young man in grocery store to learn the business; can drive and take care of horses; no compensation for service. F. Oakland, Odd Fellow Library.

CLERK—Wanted, work by young grocery clerk; single; 4 years in last place on South Side. Ad. D 673, Post-Dispatch.

COACHMAN—German, honest, sober and industrious, well posted to take care of horses and carriages, first-class recommendation, wishes situation; no objection to doing housework and tending furnace. Ad. Frank Schmidt, Home Hotel, 833 N. 6th st.

COLLECTOR—Wants situation; $100 cash security. Ad. N 671, Post-Dispatch.

COLLECTOR—Wanted, situation as collector, solicitor or outside man, of thorough acquaintance and good reference. Ad. R 676, Post-Dispatch.

COLLECTOR—Position wanted by young man as collector or salesman; can furnish bond and references. Ad. N 664, Post-Dispatch.

COMPOSITOR—Wanted, a situation by a job compositor; 10 years' experience; salary reasonable for steady situation. Ad. T 669, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—Wanted, a situation by a first-class cook; best of references. Ad. A 670, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—Situation wanted by a strictly first-class colored male cook; understands cooking in all its branches; city refs. Ad. D 680, Post-Dispatch.

DENTIST—Wanted, a position by young dentist; 5 years' practical experience; refs. the very best. Ad. B 676, Post-Dispatch.

DETECTIVE—Of 20 years' experience in all its branches, stranger in the city, now ready to render special expert detective service. Ad. R 662, Post-Dispatch.

DISTRIBUTOR—Wanted situation as circular and sample distributor, or signs to tack up in surrounding towns and country, or to travel for some responsible house as advertiser, by a young man of good address; will work cheap; refs. and bond if required; correspondence solicited. Ad. J. Montgomery, Warsaw, Ky.

DRIVER—Good driver, knows the city well and thoroughly understands care of horses, wants situation. Ad. D 669, Post-Dispatch.

DRIVER—Wants situation; sober, reliable, experienced driver, porter, janitor, hostler, gardener, etc.; last employers' reference's Ad. K 665, Post-Dispatch.

DRIVER—Young man wants situation as driver; is sober, honest and knows the city well. Ad. M 670, Post-Dispatch.

DRIVER—Milk wagon driver wants situation; honest and sober; knows the city well. Address P 665, Post-Dispatch.

DRIVER—First-class milk or bread wagon driver wants a place; good hustler.. Ad. L 666, Post-Dispatch.

ENGINEER—First-class engineer, fireman and steam fitter wants place; will leave the city. Ad. L 667, Post-Dispatch.

ENGINEER—Wanted, situation by licensed engineer; competent, willing and practical mechanic; references from last employer. Ad. M 665, Post-Dispatch.

ENGINEER—Sit. wanted by an engineer and electrician of 8 years' experience; none but those who want a good man and a hustler need write. Chas. Wass, Kansas, Ill

FIREMAN—First-class fireman, sober and steady, wants situation; is also good steam fitter. Ad. M 674, Post-Dispatch.

FIREMAN—Married man, willing to work, wants a sit. as fireman; can give ref. John Kane, 2617 Franklin av.

FIREMAN—First-class fireman and steam fitter, sober and reliable; willing to leave city. Ad. D 666, Post-Dispatch.

GROCERY MAN—Wanted, by experienced grocery man traveling position with grocery house, manufacturer or specialty; am acquainted with and have traveled this territory several years; refs. satisfactory. Ad. H 671, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEMAN—Wanted, situation to work for board as houseman, attend to furnace and housework, by steady, reliable man; refs. Ad. A 676, Post-Dispatch.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALES.

20 words or less, 5c.

HUSBAND AND WIFE—Wish position in hotel in city or other towns, as clerk and chambermaid, or any place lady can fill; lady is excellent seamstress. Ad. L 677, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Wants a furnace to take care of. 4967 Fountain av.

MAN—Colored man wants situation as cook, houseman or porter. 410 S. 15th st., upstairs.

MAN—Wanted, situation of any kind by energetic young man; store or office work preferred; reasonable salary. Ad. M 669, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Wanted, by reliable man, care of horses or cows; handy with tools; can cook or do housework. Ad. C 663, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Wants steady situation; experienced with horses, cows, gardens, flowers, furnaces, tools, etc.; city references. Ad. K 668, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Wants situation caring for horses, cows, furnaces, etc., evenings and mornings for room and board; references. Ad. K 667, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—A handy young, married man wants work of any kind; must have work. Ad. X 667, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Wanted, situation by middle-aged man to take care of horse; understands all kinds of work around house. Ad. A. B., 209 S. 22d st.

MAN—Wanted, any kind of work by experienced young German man; speaks English. Ad. E 675, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Wanted, by trustworthy young man, work in private family for board while attending school; willing to rise early; understands care of horses, work about kitchen, etc.; good refs. Call or write Room 300, 810 Olive st.

MAN—Wanted, situation on gent's place by handy man; can milk cow; handy with tools, etc. Ad. N 672, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Wanted, Christmas gift of work at painting, papering, carpenteling, by experienced man. Ad. T 665, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—A young German man of 19 wants work of any kind; willing to work. Ad. O 677, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Situation wanted by respectable, reliable young man with best of city reference; want work of some kind in hotel. Ad. B 678, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Wanted, sit. in a cigar store by a young man, with a view of learning the business; will invest $100 with the right parties. Ad. B 670, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Wanted, position of any kind by young man 22 years old; A1 references. Ad. R 666, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Situation wanted by good machine hand in factory of any kind of woodwork; must have work. Ad. 2211 Market st.

MAN—Wanted, position of any kind by experienced young man; must have work. Ad. W 667, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—A jack of all trades, with good references, wishes position. Ad. B 666, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Wanted, situation of any kind by a man handy with tools; strictly sober; ref. and bond if required. Ad. D 670, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Middle-aged man wants a sit. to assist a cook or wash pots; good kitchen man; good references. Ad. L 669, Post-Dispatch.

MAN—Wanted, a situation with architect, manufacturer or contractor; 10 years' experience in building business. Ad. J. A. McQuillan, architectural draughtsman, 2529 Fall av.

MAN AND WIFE—Young married couple want work for room and board. Ad. G 675, Post-Dispatch.

MAN AND WIFE—Situation wanted by colored man and woman to do general housework; man willing to do any kind of work around the place. Call or address, rear 2326 Pine st.

MAN AND WIFE—An elderly couple would like to get a place in a small family, or keep house for widower; the woman is a good housekeeper; the man will assist in and around the house; wages not so much an object. Ad. R 668, Post-Dispatch.

MAN AND WIFE—Situation wanted by German couple in private family; wife as experienced cook and to do housework, man to drive and attend to furnace, horses and cows; best city references. Ad. W. B., 200 St. George st.

MAN AND WIFE—26 years old, would like situation in private family or country; not afraid of hard work. Ad. B 665, Post-Dispatch.

MARKER AND ASSORTER—Experienced marker and assorter wants position in laundry or to manage same; will leave city. Ad. A 681, Post-Dispatch.

MUSICIAN—Young man of 22 would like a position with some good, reliable comedy company having their own band as first alto man; those traveling in Kansas or Missouri preferred; references if required. Ad. D., G. Wilson, Frankfort, Kan.

OILER—Young man, experienced, desires position as oiler; will assist at firing. 3680 Clark av.

OPERATOR—Wanted, position as telegraph operator; wages no object; can do clerical work; best references; railroading preferred. Ad. A. O. Judsonia, Ark.

PARTNER—Situation wanted as partner. 3739 Page av.

PATTERN-CUTTER—A1 and foreman wants position for manufacturer on waists and skirts; guaranteed the finest hanging skirts in the market and stylish; wishing to make a change. Frank Pitt, 59 W. 23d st., Chicago, Ill.

PORTER—Wanted, by young colored man, sit. as porter or teamster. Ad. 2818 N. 9th st.

PORTER—Situation wanted as porter; best city references. Ad. X 668, Post-Dispatch.

PORTER—Wanted, sit. as porter or janitor or work of any kind; good work and reasonable. J. Scruggs, 214 N. Leffingwell av.

PORTER—Wanted, sit. by colored man as porter or to do housework. Ad. A 669, Post-Dispatch.

PRESSMAN—Job and cylinder pressman wants work; wages no object. Ad. H 667, Post-Dispatch.

SALESMAN—Shoe merchants, attention!—First-class shoe salesman wants work in good retail house; 12 years' experience; references from former employer. Ad. R 663, Post-Dispatch.

SALESMAN—Situation wanted as city salesman by enterprising young man; experienced in hardware and stoves; references from present employer. W. C. H., 3018A Easton av.

SALESMAN—Wants to represent a line in Iowa that's a taker; an first-class; references and bond. Ad. 888, Reinbeck, Ia.

SALESMAN—Wanted, position as salesman, local or traveling; refer to present employer; experienced. Ad. F 678, Post-Dispatch.

SHIPPING CLERK—Situation wanted as shipping clerk, or any kind of clerical work, by an experienced young man; speaks and writes English and German. H. Peters, 835 Walnut st., Cincinnati, O.

SITUATION—Would like to travel for some good medicine house, either by wagon or rail; best of references or good bond if required; will travel anywhere for the year 1898. Add. W. A. Scott, Walnut Ridge, Ark.

TO PRINTERS AND LITHOGRAPHERS—Advertiser desires engagement as manager; has been connected with the largest firms in the country. Ad. A 680, Post-Dispatch.

WAITER—Experienced waiter and houseman wants place for winter; moderate wages; understands plain cooking; A1 references. Ad. H 669, Post-Dispatch.

WAITER—A steady reliable man wants work as waiter in restaurant; wages no object. Ad. J 672, Post-Dispatch.

WATCHMAN—Wanted, position as watchman, day or night; long experience. Ad. H 672, Post-Dispatch.

YOUNG MAN—Wants situation; understands horses, furnace and dining-room work. William Harding, 15 S. 21st st.

YOUNG MAN—An orphan, well educated, with ability to keep books, desires position of any kind; would prefer to live with employer. Ad. N 677, Post-Dispatch.

YOUNG MAN—Position wanted at once by young married man; no children; would do work for board for self and wife. Ad. W 664, Post-Dispatch.

YOUNG MAN—Wanted, work by young man; understands care horses, cows, furnace, would work for board, room and washing. Ad. L 663, Post-Dispatch.

$2.50 UP—Pants to order. Mesritz Tailoring Co., 215-217 N. 8th st., near Olive.

$10.00 UP—Suits and Overcoats to order. Mesritz Tailoring Co., 215-217 N. 8th st.

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ART PHOTOS, books, games, funny cards, transparent pictures, sensational novels and novelties of all descriptions; for particulars and samples inclose 10c stamps. American Novelty Co., 114 Nassau st., New York City

ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPER WANTED—Young man for assistant bookkeeper; must write a good hand and be quick and accurate. Ad., with refs., E 676, Post-Dispatch.

BARTENDER WANTED—Hotel bar; $100 deposit required; wages $55 per month. Ad. H 680, Post-Dispatch.

BOY WANTED—To button shoes. C. E. Ramlose, 11th and Monroe sts.

BOY WANTED—A smart boy that understands office work and filing papers; must write a good hand; state age, reference and experience. Ad. K 668, Post-Dispatch.

BOY WANTED—Who can operate typewriter. Room 1011, Chemical Bldg.

BOY WANTED—To do chores and attend to horse. 4877 Fountain av.

BRASS MOLDER WANTED—To take charge of small shop; must understand the mixture of metals; none but a competent man need apply; reference required; permanent position. Ad. B 668, Post-Dispatch.

CIGAR SALESMEN WANTED—Commission $10 per thousand; greatest inducements ever offered. Falls City Introduction Co., Louisville, Ky.

CIRCULAR distributers wanted everywhere; particulars 2c. Excelsior Adv.Co., 218 W. 125th, N.Y.

CLERKS AND CARRIERS for the St. Louis Post-office; examination soon; 3,000 appointments in post-office service last year; full particulars about all Government positions, salaries, dates of examinations, etc., and beautiful views of Washington free. National Correspondence Inst., Dept. K, Washington, D. C.

COLLECTOR WANTED—Well-established law firm want an active, competent solicitor for their collection department. Ad., with references and experience, M 669, Post-Dispatch.

CUTTERS WANTED—On men's fine shoes; apply 4th floor, between 7 and 8 a. m. or 12 and 1 p. m. Brown Shoe Co., 11th and Washington av.

DENTIST WANTED—A graduate in dentistry; or will sell one-third interest in a $2,500 practice. Dr. R. J. Stillwell, Ottawa, Kan.

DENTIST WANTED—Gentleman or lady. For particulars ad. L. L. Shively, Smith Center, Kan.

DISTRIBUTERS WANTED—$20 weekly; position permanent, distributing circulars, samples, tacking signs, bill posters, etc.; send 2 stamps for particulars. Commercial Advertising Association, Philadelphia, Pa.

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DO you want a government position? Examinations soon; 6,000 appointments coming year; 50 civil service questions and answers free. Ad. Hughes Civil Service Preparation, Washington, D. C.

DRIVER WANTED—Experienced 2-horse coal driver; must come recommended. Apply Sunday at northwest corner Broadway and Cerre st.

ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN—Send 5c in stamps for a 24-page pamphlet, containing a list of questions asked by an examining board of engineers. Address Geo. A. Zeller, Publisher, 18 S. Fourth st., St. Louis.

ENGRAVERS WANTED—At once. Apply Sunday, 616 Olive st., W. H. Gier.

FREE TREATMENT for all private and blood diseases. General Dispensary, 1408 Franklin av.

GENTLEMEN WANTED—For light work; day or evening; no experience needed; no canvassing; work sent by mail. For particulars send self-addressed envelope to Etruscan Art Co., Temple pl., Boston, Mass.

GOVERNMENT POSITIONS—Don't prepare for the post-office or other civil service examination without seeing our illustrated catalogue of information. Sent free. Columbian Correspondence College, Washington, D. C.

HIGHEST price paid for old law, medical or other old books. Ad. R 679, Post-Dispatch.

HOOP SHAVERS WANTED—Ten first-class tierce and pork barrel hoop shavers. S. A. Fisher, Marthasville, Mo.

HOTEL CLERK WANTED—Salary $60 per month; board and room; one who has $500 cash security. William-Vaughn Co., 310 N. 8th st.

INNERSOLE CUTTER WANTED—C. F. Ramlose, 11th and Monroe sts.

INVENTORS not having sufficient cash to patent their inventions should address J. G. King, Box 772, Orange, N. J.

LABORERS WANTED—On 2d and Market sts., for wrecking.

LASTERS WANTED—Side and toe lasters for spring team; also experienced boy to tack on inner soles; call Sunday, 900 N. Leffingwell av., 2d floor.

LEAD GLAZIERS WANTED—Work for the winter. Jacoby-Spiess Mfg. Co., 206 N. 2d st.

MACHINIST WANTED—First-class machine man, capable of running either Bosworth, Campbell, or National machines; good wages and steady work. Fremont Saddlery Co., Fremont, Neb.

MACHINIST WANTED—To do odd jobs for his board. Call room 205 Odd Fellows' bldg., cor. 9th and Olive sts.

MAN AND WIFE WANTED—No children, to care for horses and do light work for small family. Apply 930 Belt av.

HELP WANTED—MALES.

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MAN WANTED—Person with $350; money fully secured; $15 a week wages. Ad. W 661, Post-Dispatch.

MAN WANTED—To distribute circulars. 1903 Utah st.

MEN WANTED—$100 per month to represent us and tack up signs; enclose 4c. Fink Bros., South Bend, Ind.

MEN WANTED—Reliable men to tack up signs and visit stores; straight salary $60 per month paid weekly; if you are ready for work and mean business inclose 10c for postage, packing, sample, etc. Ferndale Mfg. Co., Tyrone, Pa.

MEN WANTED—Unemployed persons at Labor Exchange. Open meeting, 1223 N. Broadway, today, 2 p. m.

MEN WANTED—Men and boys everywhere to distribute syrup samples; plenty work and good pay. Pratt Syrup Co., Camden, N. J.

MEN WANTED—Money in the mail order business; how to start; send 10c. Ad. Novelty Works, Chicago, Ill.

MEN WANTED—10 men to wreck building at 3d and Locust sts. Monday morning. John A. Lynch.

MEN WANTED—Engineers, firemen and ice-machine men easily procure license and pass civil service examination through Hubbard's Questions and Answers; latest publication; 75 sectional cuts; special holiday offer, 50c. F. A. Hubbard & Co., 284 5th av., Chicago.

MEN—Why be idle when you can learn a good trade in 8 weeks and have steady employment? big inducements until Jan. 1. Call or write for particulars. Moler's Barber College, 11th and Pine sts.

MEN WANTED—Man of good address to represent us in every town in Illinois and Missouri; work will not interfere with other business; state present or last position, giving references; send stamp for reply. P. O. Box 202, Hamilton, O.

MEN WANTED—Start mail order business at home and make $25 to $50 per week; particulars 2c. Buckeye Book Co., Box 399, Lima, O.

MEN WANTED—Intelligent men, inventively inclined; state where regularly employed. Edwin Guthrie, Registered Patent Solicitor, Corcoran Building, Washington, D. C.

MEN AND TEAMS WANTED—Ten men and five teams on Cleveland av., east of Kiemm, Monday morning. M. Kennelly & Son.

MEN AND WOMEN WANTED—Double your salaries by devoting spare time to light, profitable work in your own homes; experience unnecessary; write to-day. D. K. Smyth, Galesburg, Ill.

MEN AND WOMEN WANTED—Young men and women to prepare themselves for Government positions; tens of thousands of situations will soon be open to those who can pass the regulate civil service examination. For particulars, address Drake & Co., 95 Clark st., Chicago, Ill.

OX-BLOOD TAN—Looks and feels like a $5 shoe; choice of 13 toe shapes, $2.95. Harris, $4 Shoe Man. 520 Pine st.

PASTRY COOK, ETC., WANTED—Pastry cook that can do second work, $40 to $50, room; night lunch counter man, $35, room; both country; free pass. National Employment Co., 113 N. 6th st.

PERSONS WANTED—Desiring employment or homes in the South, to send for our list of 1,000 manufacturers, merchants, etc., who are employing men and women in Southern States; also how to obtain free ticket South and other valuable information; sent postpaid for 25c, silver or stamps. Southern Immigration Co., Jacksonville, Fla.

PRIVATE diseases a specialty at Franklin Avenue Free Dispensary, 1214 Franklin av.

PROFITABLE HOME WORK FOR MEN AND WOMEN—You can make $6 to $12 per week working for us at your home; light, pleasant and profitable employment the year round; no canvassing nor experience necessary; all particulars and work sent by mail on application. Ad. Union Supply Mfg. Co., 455 N. 6th st., Philadelphia, Pa.

READ THIS—$15 a week; no fraud; salesmen to take agency for fast selling articles of merit; send 4c (stamps) for particulars. Lantz & Co., Box 537 (H), Cincinnati, O.

SALESMAN WANTED—On cigars; hustling men; $100 per month and expenses; experience unnecessary; yearly contract. Bailey Bros., Philadelphia, Pa.

SALESMEN WANTED—To sell belt dressing to mills, factories, etc.; good inducements to right parties. Eclipse Belt Dressing Co., Cleveland, O.

SALESMAN WANTED—Experienced in wrapping paper business, for Alabama, Mississippi and for Southern cities. P. O. Box 575, Atlanta, Ga.

SALESMEN WANTED—To sell cigars to dealers; salary $60 to $200 per month and expenses; experience unnecessary; permanent position. The De Mora Cigar Co., Springfield, O.

SALESMAN WANTED—Oil salesman for the city of St. Louis; one that has a trade and understands the business; state salary expected; reference and experience. Ad. O 667, Post-Dispatch.

SALESMEN WANTED—Everywhere, to sell to dealers on time; no experience; $40 and expenses; new concern; permanent if; satisfactory; outfit free. Ad. The Braun Mfg. Co., Waterloo, Ill.

SALESMEN WANTED—$100 per month and expenses paid salesmen on cigars; hustling men wanted; experience unnecessary; yearly contract. Bailey Bros., Philadelphia, Pa.

SALESMEN WANTED—Good salesmen to sell nursery stock. Salary $40 per month and expenses paid. Ad. D. H. Patty, Nurseryman, Geneva, N. Y.

SALESMAN WANTED—A first-class salesman with established trade for Missouri, Kansas and Illinois, for a St. Louis clothing house. Ad. C 680, Post-Dispatch.

SALESMEN WANTED—2 good traveling salesmen with references on commission. Ad. Stillwagon Stock Food Co., Hillsboro, Ill.

SALESMEN WANTED—6 good men to sell to wholesale or retail trade; advertising or display racks; patented Oct. 5, '97; good seller; big profit. 2728 Madison st.

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SALESMEN WANTED—Salesmen for smoking tobacco, wholesale and retail; two dozen samples and particulars free for 10c to pay postage and packing. Box 272, Danville, Va.

SALESMEN WANTED—To sell territory for patent X-Rays Egg Tester; new; just out; nothing like it. D. W. Hughes, Vandalia, Mo.

SALESMEN WANTED—$120 monthly and expenses; staple line; position permanent; experience unnecessary. Ad., with stamp, Seymour Whitney Co., O 128, Chicago.

SALESMEN WANTED—Good salesman in every city and town for novelty to take place of nickel-in-slot machine; big seller to cigar stores and saloons; sample 40c; retails for $1; 1 doz. $3 and exclusive territory. H. W. Andridge, 210 W. 3d st., Dayton, O.

SALESMEN WANTED—To sell our goods by sample to wholesale and retail trade; $100 per month and expenses. Ad. Hull Mfg. Co., Box 13, Milton Junction Wis.

SALESMAN WANTED—To sell staple line to dealers; $100 monthly and expenses; experience unnecessary. H. W. Brown & Co., 56 5th av., Chicago.

SALESMAN WANTED—Active salesman to sell to dealers; $60 to $175 monthly and expenses. Experience unnecessary. Acme Cigar Co., Chicago.

SALESMEN WANTED—Immediately, two bright, active, wide-awake, energetic young salesmen; permanent position; good pay. Room 9, 3d floor, Equitable building.

SALESMEN WANTED—Can make $100 a month selling petit ledgers, grocers' coupons and other specialties to merchants by sample; good side lines. Model Mfg. Co., South Bend, Ind.

SALESMAN WANTED—To sell dress goods, etc., thorugh the West, on commission, to retail dry goods and general stores. Dress Goods, P. O. Box 1592, Philadelphia, Pa.

SALESMAN WANTED—For one of the oldest, most reliable businesses in the West; we offer exclusive territory and good-paying situations to energetic, reliable parties; good outfits furnished. Ad. Willis Nurseries, Ottawa, Kan.

SALESMEN WANTED—Good salary; steady work. First National Nurseries, Rochester, N. Y.

SALESMEN WANTED—We want six salesmen for Iowa; must be singers and closers; big return to such. Ad. 56 Granby Block, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

SALESMEN WANTED—Salesmen and agents to sell the new vest pocket bank check punch; only same figure as the $25.00 punch used in U. S. Treasury Department and banks; retails with leather case at $2.50; samples delivered, $1.50; $18 per doz.; weight 2 ozs.; remit for sample quick; as represented or money refunded; it's a winner. Ashland Bank Punch Co., Ashland, O.

SEWER LABORERS WANTED—15 sewer laborers at St. Peter's Cemetery, on Lucas and Hunt rd. Myers Construction Co.

SOLICITOR WANTED—To take orders for shirts made to order; $1, 316 S. 4th st.

STENOGRAPHER WANTED—First-class stenographer with railroad experience; freight department work; give references and show handwriting. Ad. M 664, Post-Dispatch.

STENOGRAPHER WANTED—Young man stenographer or typewriter, with $500. Ad. O 669, Post-Dispatch.

TEAMS AND MEN WANTED—Monday morning, on Berlin and Euclid avs. W. J. Redmond, contractor.

TRAVELING MAN WANTED—Good traveling man to sell clothing; references required. Ad. B 677, Post-Dispatch.

TO BOOKKEEPERS—I have a simple rule for addition of long or short columns of figures and proving correctness of same; absolutely correct; better than an adding machine; will send to any address on receipt of 30c in stamps. Ad. J. H. Wilts, Lock Box 708, St. Louis P. O.

YOUNG man equip yourself for a professional cutter of men's clothing; taught in six weeks; good salary and position if competent. St. Louis Cutting School, 2824 Pine st.

YOUNG MAN WANTED—For office work; must have $500 cash to loan or invest; legitimate, established business; no fake; salary to start with $15 per week; permanent position to right party. Ad. B 664, Post-Dispatch.

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CHAMBERMAID—Wanted, by an experienced chambermaid, a place in hotel or rooming house; will work for low wages. Ad. C 667, Post-Dispatch.

COMPANION—Intelligent and refined young lady of cheerful disposition desires position as companion to elderly lady or invalid; would prefer leaving city. Ad. D 667, Post-Dispatch.

COMPOSITOR—Lady compositor of experience and best of references, wants position. Ad. A 664, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—Situation wanted by competent cook. M. D., 3109 Easton av.

COOK—Wanted, a place to cook by a white woman in a lunch room, restaurant or boarding house. Ad. N 675, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—Wanted, situation by a No. 1 cook; city refs. 715 N. Jefferson av.

COOK—Situation wanted by first-class colored cook in saloon, restaurant, boarding-house or private family. 308 N. Compton av.

COOK—Wanted, situation as cook in private family. 2019 Franklin av.

COOK—Wanted, situation by colored lady to do cooking in private family or boarding-house. 2109 O'Fallon st.

COOK—Wanted, place in private family; good cook and housekeeper; will go in suburbs; families will please say they will pay car fare. Ad. C 672, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—Wanted, situation by first-class cook; economical and willing to work. Ad. O 672, Post-Dispatch.

COOK—A first-class colored cook wants a place to cook. 1415 Pine st.

COOK—Wanted, situation by first-class colored cook; can give best city reference; West End preferred. 928 N. Ewing av.

COOK—Situation wanted by experienced cook in boarding-house or general housework in private family. Ad. M 921, Post-Dispatch.

COOK AND HOUSEMAID—Situations wanted by 2 sisters for cook and housemaid; no washing; good references. 5622 New Manchester av.

DINING-ROOM GIRL—Young lady wishes dining-room work in private boarding-house. Ad. A 667, Post-Dispatch.

DRESSMAKER—Wanted, by a first-class dressmaker, with best of city refs., work in families; $1 a day. Ad. W 666, Post-Dispatch.

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DRESSMAKER—First-class dressmaker desires a few more engagements by the day; terms $1.10 per day; best refs. Add. X 664, Poct-Dispatch.

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DRESSMAKER—Miss M. Ficken makes men's and women's clothes; will go out by the day for $1.50 or take work home. Call at 1309 Washington av.

DRESSMAKER—Young lady, first-class dressmaker, speaks English and German, wishes position in first-class family to assist in house and do family dressmaking; no objections to suburbs. Ad. C 674, Post-Dispatch.

DRESSMAKER—First-class dressmaker wishes a few more engagements by the day in families; terms $1.75 during dull season; best of refs. Ad. X 675, Post-Dispatch.

DRESSMAKER—Dressmaking in families; $1 per day. Ad. 4584 Easton av.

DRESSMAKER—A first-class dressmaker wants work at $1.50 per day; references; evening clothes a specialty. Ad. T 668, Post-Dispatch.

DRESSMAKER—Situation wanted by good dressmaker. Call Sunday after 12 noon at 1016 Pine.

GIRL—Wanted, sit. by a French girl at 2608 Franklin av.; rear.

GIRLS—Wanted, situations by two competent German girls to cook, wash and iron in a small family; no postals answered. 815 N. 21st st.

GOVERNESS—Situation wanted as governess or companion by lady speaking Castillian Spanish and Parisian French. Ad. L 670, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEGIRL—Situation wanted, by middle-aged German woman, to do general housework; refs. Call Monday at 2111 Franklin av.

HOUSEGIRL—A neat colored girl wants a place to work. 1415 Pine st.

HOUSEGIRL—Young girl wants situation in Catholic family to assist with housework. 1314 S. 7th, 2d floor.

HOUSEGIRL—A woman wants situation to do general housework for a small family; can be seen at present employer's. Ad. A 907, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEGIRL—Wanted, situation by colored girl to do general housework. 1536 Morgan st.

HOUSEGIRL—Sit. wanted by a colored girl to do general housework. 1519 Lucas av.

HOUSEGIRL—Wanted, sit. by a colored girl to do general housework. 2727 Mills st.

HOUSEKEEPER—Hotel housekeeper, experienced, desires position in or out of city; references given. Ad. H 665, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEKEEPER—Situation wanted as housekeeper by experienced lady; willing to leave city. Ad. F 660, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEKEEPER—Wants position for widower, rooming-house or hotel. Ad. T 664, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEKEEPER—Young lady wishes position as housekeeper for widower; can furnish first-class references. Ad. B 669, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEKEEPER—Situation wanted by widow capable of caring for all house duties and children; references. Ad. L 671, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEKEEPER—Situation wanted as housekeeper for widower without children. 1213 S. 7th st.

HOUSEKEEPER—Young widow desires position as working housekeeper; in house of widower preferred. 821 N. Compton av.

HOUSEKEEPER—Wanted, position as working housekeeper; no objection to leaving the city. Ad. C 668, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEKEEPER—Wanted, situation as housekeeper in hotel, rooming, boarding or private house by lady of refinement; good habits; best references; bond furnished if necessary. Ad. Addie M. Tatman, 822 Chadwick st., Indianapolis, Ind.

HOUSEKEEPER—Situation wanted by middle-aged widow as working housekeeper. Call Sunday at 1731 Morgan st.

HOUSEKEEPER—Position wanted as housekeeper, public or private; widow, 35 years; no incumbrance; thoroughly competent. Ad. F 932, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEKEEPER—Experienced housekeeper wants situation in first-class family; excellent cook. Ad. T 671, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEKEEPER—Wanted, situation by experienced housekeeper to take charge of rooming house for rent of one room. Ad. O 671, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEKEEPER—A respectable young widow wishes position as housekeeper in hotel or large rooming house or home of a widower or bachelor; am experienced; can give best refs. Ad. N 670, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEKEEPER—An Experienced widow lady wants position as housekeeper in rooming house for gentleman; have some furniture of my own. Ad. R 670, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEKEEPER—A young widow with furniture for 5 rooms would like to keep house for physician or druggist. Ad. X 671, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEWORK—Situation wanted by a girl of 17 to assist with housework; will work for board and clothes. 1146 N. 20th st.

HOUSEWORK—Whnted, situation by young woman to do general housework in private family. 105 N. 16th st.

HOUSEWORK—Wanted, situation by woman to do general housework; home more than wages. 810 N. 21st st., upstairs.

HOUSEWORK—Southern colored girl

HELP WANTED—FEMALES.

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HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; family of three; no children. 1746 Missouri av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A good woman or girl to assist with general work in small boarding-house; good wages. 1127 Chambers st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; small family; good home. 5087 Fairmount av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl, white or colored, to do housework for a lady living alone. Call Sunday afternoon at 3261 S. Jefferson av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—German girl for general housework; good home and wages. 3534 Chestnut st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—German girl for general housework in family of 2. 2705 S. Jefferson av.; references required.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework with refs. 4190 Morgan st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—White girl for general housework. 204 S. Broadway.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework good home. Apply Monday morning, 1219 Whittier st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A good girl for general housework. 4635 Easton av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—German or Swedish girl for general housework; small family. 3117½ Morgan st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; white or colored. 2311 Eugenia st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; small family. 4953 Page av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Middle-aged woman to assist with housework, or girl of 15 or 16; German preferred. 2841 Clark av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework for 3 adults. 3503A Franklin av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; small family. 4372 West Belle pl.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework at 2115 Oregon av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A girl or young woman to assist with housework. 204 S. Broadway, 2d floor.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Middleaged woman to do general housework; good home to right party; small wages. 710 Market st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl 15 years of age to do light housework in family of 3; German preferred. Call at 5009 Page boul., at 3 p. m. to-day.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Neat white girl for general housework; no washing or ironing; plain cooking; $15 month. 2712 Chestnut st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; small family. 4036 Forest Park boul.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—5706 Chamberlain av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A good, experienced girl for general housework; no others need apply. 2130 Olive st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework; no cooking. Apply Monday morning 3136 Brantner pl., 1 block east of Grand and Easton avs.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Girl for general housework. 4157 McPherson av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—White girl for general housework. 2025 Lafayette av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Good German girl for general housework, washing and ironing; small family. 2519 Slattery st.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A girl about 14 years to assist with housework; no washing. Apply Monday at 5202 S. Compton av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Steady German girl for general housework; small family; good wages. 2730½ Clark av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A girl for general housework; good home and wages. Percival, North Market st. and Suburban R. R.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—At once, girl or young woman for general housework, with or without washing; in family in suburbs; good wages. Ad. C 669, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—General servant girl; must be good cook. Apply at 2808 Eads av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A girl for general housework; small family; good wages; German preferred. 5559 Vernon av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A good girl for general housework; family of 2; must be good cook. 1300A Olive st., upstairs.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A girl for general housework; German preferred. 3728 Cozzens av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Young girl for light housework; no washing. 917 Morgan st. Call after 10 a. m.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED—Middle-aged; good home; moderate salary; state price expected; 3 in family. Ad. P 670, Post-Dispatch.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED—A good colored woman, under 35, to go to a nice country home. Jesse Miller, Bunker Hill, Ill.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED—Middle-aged Christian woman for working housekeeper for widower. Ad. R 677, Post-Dispatch.

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LAUNDRESS WANTED—Girl for washing, ironing and to assist in housework. 1423 Hickory st.

LAUNDRESS WANTED—White woman as laundress. Apply after 9 a. m., at 3211 Lucas av.

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MACHINE GIRLS WANTED—Girls wanted, experienced on machine, to work on men's and boys' coats. Apply Monday at 1017 N. 13th st.

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NURSEGIRL WANTED—Experienced young nursegirl. 5579 Clemens av.

NURSE WANTED—An elderly lady to assist with baby and light housework; one wanting good home; references required. Call at 3422 Olive st.

NURSEGIRL WANTED—Good, experienced nursegirl. 5170 Cabanne av.

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OPERATOR WANTED—One operator on zigzag machine and one lining maker. Desnoyers Shoe Co., 12th and Locust sts.

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PENMAN WANTED—Young lady to travel. Call in afternoon at 1414 Olive st., room 5.

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WOMAN WANTED—A reliable and refined colored lady to do washing and mending for a gentleman. Ad. O 666, Post-Dispatch.

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BREASTPIN—Lost, a gold breastpin, with small diamond, between Sarah and Whittier or Westminster and Morgan. Return to Harris' drug store, Sarah and Olive, and receive reward.

CARD CASE—Lost, black card case; name of owner on cards; reward. 16 S. Commercial.

CARD CASE—Lost, Thursday a. m., reddish brown card case, with several bills, in Suburban car; from Gamble or Franklin avs., on Garrison, or 12th and Locust to Wilcox & Gibbs Machine Co.'s, where a reward will be given the finder if returned.

DOG—Lost, pug dog. Return to 1503 Franklin av.; liberal reward.

DOG—Lost, female Gordon setter; white breast. Return to 2837 Osceola st.

DOG—Lost, young tan greyhound, collar on neck, Dec. 15; reward. If found return to 917 Leonard.

DOG—Lost, small, dark and light brown dog; answers to Tinkton. Reward at the Century Hotel, 9th and Lucas av.

DOG—Lost, a Scotch collie, male, brown, with white collar and breast; white tip on tail. Reward if returned to 5265 Page av.

DOG—Lost, a male dog, a week ago; one-third pug; collar and license; answers to names of Baby or Cap; not pug face; nose straight. Five dollars reward if returned to 1221 Bayard av.

DOG—Lost, white collie bitch, head sable, black spot or left side; answers to name of "Lady." Return to W. P. Laing, 4230A Farlin, for reward.

DOG—Lost, evening Dec. 14, pointer; liver and white; tax locked to collar. Return to 3409 Walnut st. Reward.

DOG—Strayed, from 3321 Park av., Tuesday, small yellow dog; large ears; $10 reward and no questions asked.

DOG—Lost, red Irish setter; white spot on breast and tips of paw; liberal reward. 3910 Fairfax av.

DOGS—Lost, two setters, one tan and white, and one brown and white; information wanted. 935 Laurel av.

HORSE—Strayed or stolen, bay horse, about 15½ hands high; bald face; heavy mane and tail; hitched to storm buggy. Liberal reward if returned to J. O. Chenoweth, 1428 Washington av.

LOCKET—Lost, on Saturday, Dec. 11, a square gold locket. Reward if returned to 5828 Etzel av.

OVERCOAT—Lost, please, Mack, send overcoat; have lost your address. Ad. G 676, Post-Dispatch.

PIGEON—Lost, black-winged pigeon; seamless band on leg; marks, 1896, No. 57. Return to 4174 West Belle pl. and get liberal reward.

POCKETBOOK—Lost, black pocketbook, silver mounted; corners engraved E. McG., Dec., 1895; contents, check for $5; small change; liberal reward paid. Return to room 214, Mermod-Jaccard bldg.

POCKETBOOK—Lost, Friday morning, on Park av. car, about 7:30 a. m., plain blue leather pocketbook, containing photos, letters, etc., and about $5. Finder please return all the contents except the $5 to 3952 West Belle pl.

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SLEIGH—$1 reward will be given to person who has took that sleigh during my absence, if he will return it to H. T. Crevelling, 1425 Lucas pl.

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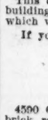
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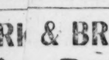


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CHINA GAVE HER CONSENT.

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ALL EUROPE IS WONDERING WHAT THE GERMAN EMPEROR WILL DO NEXT.

THOSE SPEECHES AT KIEL.

It Is Said That the Kaiser Wrote His Brother's Address, Which Has Caused So Much Comment.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The announcement from Vienna to-day that Russia had seized Port Arthur, was regarded as the first step in the partition of China among European powers. To-night, however, a dispatch from St. Petersburg says that a Russian squadron under Rear Admiral Reaonua has entered Port Arthur, on the Chinese coast, with the entire acquiescence of the Chinese Government. The squadron intends to remain at Port Arthur throughout the winter. This is due solely to the need of a temporary winter station, and involves no question of forcible occupation or hostile demonstration or any intention against China, Germany, Japan or any other power.

ON THE WAY TO CHINA.

Two American Warships Ordered to Join the Asiatic Squadron.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The sending of the cruiser Raleigh from Smyrna to Chinese waters has excited much comment here. It is held to indicate that important dispatches have been received from Minister Denby, and that the Raleigh goes on his recommendation. Secretary Long denies that there is any significance in his order to the Raleigh, but admits that the Asiatic squadron is to be strengthened. The State Department officials also refuse to admit the receipt of advices from Minister Denby. The gunboat Helena was given sailing orders to-day also, and is on her way to China. This, however, has been in contemplation some time, and is not regarded as unusual.

"STARK, STARING MAD."

London Papers Comment on the Kaiser's Latest Performance.

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.
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LONDON, Dec. 18.—Poor Prince Henry of Prussia should not be ridiculed too severely. They were not his speeches that he delivered at Kiel, but were the product of Emperor William's erratic brain.

As Prince Henry had hitherto been regarded as a young man of average sanity his outrageous speeches on the occasion of his departure for China excited the utmost astonishment. It was assumed that he was beginning to manifest, only in a more aggravated form, his brother's mania, but the mystery is now explained by Berlin correspondents.

The Kaiser feared that Prince Henry would not do justice to the situation in requisite strain of hyperbole wrote the speeches beforehand and compelled his brother to commit them to memory. Comments of the German press on these wild utterances show keenly resentment at the ridicule cast on the Fatherland by such extravagant performances of the Kaiser, who is declared to be in a state of excitement causing intense apprehension to the Empress and suite lest his reason may give way altogether.

The general opinion of Kiel is voiced by a diplomat's remark:

"It is a great pity that Germany, having an easy, safe and simple, though slightly piratical piece of work on hand, should not be able to perform it without setting the world laughing."

The paper is full of comments on the subject. The Times says:

"The august utterances are worthy of heroes of melodrama and would seem highflown to modern ideas if uttered by Philip II. as he dispatched the Armada; or Columbus as he started to carry the dominion of Spain over the ocean. The Kaiser evoked memories of Metz and Sedan to encourage Prince Henry to keep a stout heart as he faces the perils of the Suez Canal, and the terrors of the China seas. Prince Henry's peroration was closed by a specimen of almost self-embasement, unique in the annals of modern Europe."

The Saturday Review thinks the nickname of William the Witless is no longer adequate. It says that he is "stark, staring mad. In spite of the ominous fact that he has alienated the newspapers and professors, insulted the greatest nobles, when they ventured to disagree with his extraordinary activity, until the court is deserted and known throughout Germany as the Court of Parvenus, the poor creature continues to take himself seriously, as a sort of drill-Sergeant of Providence."

The average Englishman who is laughing loudly to day probably will be puzzling his brains next week as to whether the German craze for naval power is not a thing to be reckoned with. It may have been more than a mere joke when in talking to Count Pethy, the Emperor said: "You should visit China; by the time you get there you will find Prince Henry Emperor of China. Why should not Emperor William found a second India for Germany in China as a means of imperial aggrandizement, and of averting the social revolution threatened at home.

The Spectator dilates on this view to-day and is quite prepared, perhaps even to welcome the German Emperor as the acknowledged master and opener to civilization and foreign trade of the richest, best-populated and quietest section of the Chinese empire.

The Emperor has been characteristically busy the whole week. Besides Kiel, he attended a number of banquets and important meetings. While at Hamburg and Kiel his Majesty made several noteworthy remarks. For instance, while inspecting the Deutschland, he said he hoped the time was not distant when Germany would have such fine vessels afloat in every sea.

While dining with Admiral Von Knorr the Emperor said: "China is like an artichoke; it has to be eaten bit by bit."

BRYAN NOT BIG ENOUGH.

Why Certain Senators Oppose Him for the Chinese Mission.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The nomination of Charles Page Bryan of Illinois to be Minister to China will be opposed by Senator Teller of Colorado, even if no other Senator decides to antagonize the Administration. Senator Teller frankly said to-day that his opposition to Mr. Bryan is based solely upon the ground that the latter has had neither experience nor training that would justify his nomination for that important mission at Peking. Senator Teller added:

"The mission to England, France or Russia is at this time of less importance than is the Chinese mission. My opposition to Mr. Bryan grows out of the recognized necessity of having a strong man at this important post, and I do not believe that the friends of Mr. Bryan will contend that he meets these requirements."

The President was influenced to select Mr. Bryan by Secretary of the Treasury Gage and H. H. Kohlsaat of Chicago.

Mr. Bryan's friends say that the opposition to him will not be sufficient to defeat him.

Senator Frye is also opposing Bryan, and for the same reason.

He said he had talked with Bryan for an hour and had been simply amazed at his lack of information and his vast accumulation of misinformation.

He said, among other things, Bryan told him "he was going to China with the flag of commerce in one hand and the flag of Christianity in the other."

Another story is that Bryan called on the Secretary of the Navy and asked for a man-of-war to take him and "his suite" to China. He also told "Teddy" Roosevelt that he was allowed to select his Secretary of Legation, and, said he, "Teddy, I want a man about your size."

Bryan's friends deny these stories and say that he will be confirmed without much trouble. They say Cullom is doing all he can to contribute to Bryan's undoing.

Another German Warship.

FERROL, Spain, Dec. 18.—The German iron clad Oldenburg has sailed for Gibralter to join the vessels bound for China under command of Prince Henry.

IT'S PLEASANT BUT EXPENSIVE.

Sleigh Riding Is Rare Sport for Those Who Can Pay.

All the fun of sleighing of which the weather man has defrauded St. Louisans the last two winters is now being made up to them. The West End driveways and boulevards were never in such condition for the glorious and costly sport as they have been since the combined snow and sleet storm of Thursday evening.

Last night Lindell boulevard, in particular, resembled the favorite speeding of a Northern city during the mid-winter carnival week. From the intersection of the beautiful avenue at Olive street straight out to Forest Park entrance were two continuous lines of handsome sleighs drawn by high-stepping horses.

Sleighing, when enjoyed properly, is an expensive divertisement. The money represented by the turnouts on Lindell boulevard and in the park last evening would keep several families in comfort until the April showers came. Here are the standard prices for sleighs at the St. Louis livery stables:

Cutter and one horse, first hour	$3 00
Each additional hour	2 00
Cutter and two horses, first hour	5 00
Each additional hour	3 00
Double sleighs, two horses, first hour	5 00
Each additional hour	3 00

As no rig is hired for less than two hours and as no man would have the nerve to drive a young lady less than three, allowing at least an hour for a stop at the Cottage or some other convenient road house, it will be seen that a sleigh ride is a matter of not less than $10.

On a basis of $10 for each sleigh which sped up the boulevard over the crisp snow into Forest Park, there must have been $5,000 spent Saturday evening for a jaunt to the accompaniment of jingling bells.

Unless the temperature rises as rapidly as it fell Thursday the sleighing will be excellent for several days. The ice coating on top of the snow is a great advantage to the horses, enabling them to draw heavy loads with the greatest ease.

DR. RICHARD KERLEY'S LIFE.

It Hangs by a Thread Since Saturday's Accident.

Dr. Richard M. Kerley, ex-superintendent of the Female Hospital, who was seriously injured Friday night by a street car, was reported last night to be still in a dangerous condition, though some hope was entertained for his ultimate recovery. His home is at 4728 Labadie avenue.

The accident occurred on St. Louis and Marcus avenues. The doctor was riding along in his storm buggy, just after dark, with a muffler about his ears to protect his face from the cutting winds and sleet. His vehicle was running along the tracks of the Cass avenue line, and he failed to hear the warning gong of an approaching car.

The motorman, presuming the buggy would turn out in ample time, neglected to apply his airbrakes, it is said, until too late. When he did apply them the car sped onward down the hill, the rails being slippery with sleet.

There was a frightful collision. The buggy, torn in pieces, was thrown upon the floundering horse and piled upon Dr. Kerley. The doctor is very fleshy and nearly 60 years old. He was cut in many places and injured internally. He was picked up unconscious and carried to his home, a few blocks away, where Dr. Bernays gave him prompt attention.

Dr. Kerley has been very unfortunate of late, and many friends sympathize with him in his afflictions. One of his sons got into trouble, another was killed in the fire at Aloe's and lately his home and it belongings, on Easton avenue, were destroyed by fire. He has had his full share of trouble.

MRS. BOETGES' BLOODY NOSE.

Says Her Husband Met Her at the Ball-Room Door.

Two women walked into the Second District Police Station last night. One of them was bleeding from the nose. She said she was Mrs. Carrie Boetges of 814 Russell avenue and her companion was Miss Josie Burget of 1403 South Second street.

According to Mrs. Boetges' story they had started to a dance at National Hall, Dolman and Russell avenues. As they were entering the hall, according to the women's story, Mrs. Boetges' husband approached her and asked her for 25 cents to buy beer to drown his troubles. She refused, and then she says her husband hit her in the face and knocked her down.

She says a crowd of men around the hall chased her husband three blocks, but he escaped. She wants him arrested.

Druggist Assigns.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 18.—Charles A. Siegmund, retail druggist, has assigned. Liabilities, $25,000.

Cavalry Officer Injured.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Lieut. Joseph T. Crabbs, 18th Cavalry, was thrown from his horse to-day and badly hurt internally and externally.

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BAD FEELING GROWS OUT OF THE MILLER-MORIARTY WEDDING.

THE BRIDE'S PUBLIC EXCOMMUNICATION THE TALK OF ALL CHURCH CIRCLES.

BISHOP BURKE'S POSITION.

Presbyterians Regard His Action as an Affront to That Denomination.



MISS KATE MORIARTY.
(the Catholic Bride.)

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 18.—The public excommunication a few days ago of a large number of Catholics for participating in a wedding at a Protestant church may bring on a sectarian war in this city. The feeling is growing higher every day.

Miss Catherine Moriarty is a daughter of Irish parents, as her name indicates, and a devout member of the Catholic church. That is, she was a member of the church until the Rt. Rev. Maurice F. Burke, bishop of the diocese of St. Joseph, excommunicated her. The bishop did not stop with Miss Moriarty, but included her parents, her sister and many of her relatives and friends.

The cause of all the trouble was because Miss Moriarty, who is young and pretty, fell in love with Charles A. Miller, the son of a hardware merchant, and wanted to marry him. Miller is a member of the Presbyterian Church, but he fixed things up with his sweetheart by agreeing to be married by a priest if she would consent to be married again by a Presbyterian minister. Pretty Katie Moriarty said she would just as soon be married twice as once, provided, she was married each time to Gus, as she calls young Miller.

Bishop Burke was asked by the young lady to grant her a dispensation to marry during Advent, a season when no marrying is allowed without the consent of the Bishop. The dispensation was granted, and Miss Katie was also given the permission of the Bishop to marry a Protestant. Then she shocked him by asking for the privilege of being married in a Protestant church. The Bishop refused, even when it was explained to him that they intended first to be married by a Catholic clergyman. The young lady was given some plain talk, and was told that the laws of the church would not allow her to do anything of the kind.

There was at one time a possibility that the churches to which the two young people belonged would break up the match, but the possibility did not last long. Katie Moriarty said she would be married in a church, in spite of the Bishop, and Miller invited her to be married in the Presbyterian Church, and by his pastor. Katie Moriarty said she would be married there.

Wedding cards were sent out inviting the friends of the young people to attend the wedding. They came in large numbers, both Catholics and Protestants. After the ceremony there was a reception at the Moriarty home, and the guests flocked there to offer congratulations to pretty Katie Miller, as she had then become, on having outwitted the Bishop. The young people were married by the Rev. George A. Trenholm, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Bishop Burke issued a letter to the Catholic clergymen of the city, and had them read it from their pulpits. It recited that there had been a great public scandal, by the marriage of a Catholic young woman in a Protestant church, attended by Catholics on all sides, aiding and abetting her in the scandalous proceeding. The affair was made more notorious by the publication in the papers of accounts of the wedding. The girl was excommunicated, and with her all those who aided and abetted her in the marriage, as well as those who went to the Moriarty home after the wedding and congratulated the bride.



CHARLES A. MILLER,
(the Protestant Bridegroom.)

The sweeping excommunication caused the greatest astonishment.

Katie Moriarty had not thought of stirring up a strife like that when she announced that she intended to be married in some church, in spite of anything the Bishop said. She didn't know there would be such dire consequences.

Bishop Burke said the Catholics taking part in the wedding had violated the rules of the church, and that the excommunication was ipso facto. He said he had no personal feeling in the matter at all.

The feeling that has been stirred up between the members of the two churches is almost alarming. The Presbyterians regard the excommunication of the Catholics for such a cause as an affront to them, while the Catholics have little to say. They know the discipline of their church, and that the Bishop only did his duty when he excommunicated the wedding party.

GOMPERS IS CHOSEN.

AGAIN THE OLD LEADER OF THE LABOR FEDERATION IS MADE PRESIDENT.

DEFEATS KRAFT BY 1,438.

McGuire and Duncan Re-Elected as Vice-Presidents, and Kansas City Selected for Next Meeting Place.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 18.—At today's session of the American Federation of Labor the committee on President's report recommended that the president issue an appeal to the unions of the country for contributions of funds for the aid of the striking engineers of England. It was advised that the Federation appropriate $500 for this purpose. Concerning restriction of immigration the committee recommended that the convention pronounce in favor of a reasonable measure of restriction on the lines of the educational test as contained in the Lodge bill, that failed of enactment at the last session of Congress. The report of the committee was adopted.

The discussion of the brewery workmen's resolution was resumed and an amendment referring the situation in Rochester, N. Y., to a special committee was defeated. Mr. O'Connell, in behalf of the Federation in a brief speech, presented to J. H. Wilson and Edwd. Harrol, visiting English fraternal delegates, each a handsome token of the Federation's appreciation. Both responded in appreciative words.

James Duncan reported that tile layers had perfected an organization and elected officers and an application for a charter was pending.

The brewery workmen's resolution reported at the morning session was voted on and adopted. The announcement of the vote on the immigration resolution was 1,842 for the resolution and 342 against it.

The election of officers was then entered upon, Martin Foss being in the chair. G. J. Bennett nominated Samuel Gompers for President. John F. Tobin nominated Ernest Kraft of Philadelphia. J. J. O'Dea seconded the nomination of Kraft, saying that he did so that the lines of the movement might be expanded; George F. McNeill seconded the nomination of Gompers, and referred to what had been achieved under his administration. The vote resulted: Gompers 1,845; Kraft 407.

P. J. McGuire and James Duncan were placed in nomination for First Vice-President and Second Vice-President and were unanimously elected. Robert Askey was elected Third Vice-President.

MM. Girl was chosen Fourth Vice-President by a unanimous vote. George B. Lennon was chosen Treasurer and Frank Morrison Secretary without opposition.

For legislation committee Andrew Furseth of San Francisco was chosen. The choice of the next place of meeting was a contest between Kansas City and Detroit, the vote resulting: Kansas City 1,856½; Detroit 806½.

The report of the Committee on Organization was then taken up, and the request of the International Printing Pressmen reported favorably and adopted. A resolution calling for the immediate organization of custom tailors in Cincinnati, Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo and Milwaukee was adopted. It was resolved to have a fraternal delegate to the Canada Labor Congress.

The vote on the fraternal delegates was announced as follows: Duncan, 1,332; Lloyd, 1,275½; Ratchford, 1,501½, and Mahoney, 175. President Gompers ordered a new ballot, saying that none of the candidates had received a majority of the votes cast and the hindmost man would be dropped. A discussion started immediately and was kept up for some time, until a second ballot was taken, Mahoney being dropped, and resulted:

Duncan, 1,450; Lloyd, 1,394½; Ratchford, 1,348½. Duncan and Lloyd were declared elected.

The Federation adjourned until Monday. Most of the business has been transacted and Tuesday at least should bring the sessions to a close.

STRUCK THE BARRELS.

The Arabia's Treasure Uncovered, but Not Tapped.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
PARKVILLE, Mo., Dec. 18.—The searchers for the treasure contained in the hull of the Arabia have discovered quite a number of barrels, but owing to the small engine with which they are now working, they cannot keep the sand out of the hold long enough to enable them to ascertain the contents of the barrels. A larger engine will be put on the work as soon as possible and Gale Henson's crew hope to soon have business with the revenue officers.

NEW COLLECTOR FOR ST. LOUIS.

Mr. Grenner Was a Newspaper Man Before He Entered Politics.

The President sent to the Senate yesterday the names of Henry C. Grenner of St. Louis for appointment as Internal Revenue Collector for the Eastern District of Missouri, and J. H. Walkenhorst of St. Louis to be Appraiser of Merchandise.

Mr. Grenner was born in Philadelphia in 1855, and reared in New York City, where at the age of 19 years he published a Republican weekly called the "Nineteenth Ward Bulletin." Then he went into real journalism, and for nine years was an editorial writer.

In 1876 he bought a half interest in the Titusville (Pa.) Daily Herald, and made that newspaper the organ of Republicanism in Western Pennsylvania, taking an active interest in National and State politics.



H. C. GRENNER, NEW COLLECTOR.

He sold his newspaper in 1884 and invested his money in the oil business. One year later he came to St. Louis and organized the International Oil Company, which he has since successfully conducted in opposition to the Standard Oil monopoly.

Mr. Grenner lives in Filley's own ward, the Twentieth, but Filley did not recommend his appointment. He is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Union League Club, and served one term as a member of the Board of Charity Commissioners, under appointment by Mayor Walbridge, wherein he distinguished himself by inaugurating notable reforms.

Mr. Walkenhorst was born in Bielfeld, Prussia, but was brought to this country when a child, and reared in Missouri. During the war he was a musician in Company K, First Missouri State Militia, serving three years. When the war closed he engaged in the business of brick-making, and later became a grocer.

FATAL GASOLINE EXPLOSION.

A Woman and Child Were Burned to Death.

HOLYOKE, Mass., Dec. 18.—Two lives were lost by the explosion of a gasoline stove in this city to-day. Miss Amelia Koegel, 35 years old, attempted to light the stove, when there was an explosion. She picked up a 2-year-old child named Alfred Kennell, who was in the house, and tried to escape, but got into the pantry and was cut off by the flames. Both were suffocated before help reached them.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST DEAD.

He Let His Child Die Without Medical Attention.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 18.—Frank Kirby, a Christian Scientist who refused to call on a physician when his 2-year-old daughter was taken sick with diphtheria, was held by the Coroner in $500 bail for his appearance before the Grand-jury. The Coroner's jury fixed upon him the responsibility for his child's death.

GOV. PINGREE DUPED.

FINDS NOW THAT HE HAS NOT BOUGHT THE VENEZUELA ASPHALT BEDS.

THE PRICE HAS BEEN DOUBLED.

A Little Mistake of $80,000 Grows Out of the Fact That Gov. Pingree Does Not Speak Spanish.

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CARACAS, Dec. 18.—As stated by the Post-Dispatch correspondent last October, Gov. Pingree of Michigan came here to obtain an option on the Pedernales Asphalt Mine, near the mouth of the Orinoco. He left here greatly pleased to have obtained it, as he thought. It is said that immediately after his return home he formed a syndicate of friends residing in Milwaukee, Detroit and Chicago to buy and exploit the mine. Gov. Pingree does not speak Spanish and did not discover that the option sold to him to buy the mine for $80,000 was subject to the approval of the general meeting of the shareholders, who refused later to recognize the document signed by their president.

A party composed of Col. Eli S. Sutton, secretary for Gov. Pingree, Edward P. Hackett, a banker of Milwaukee, and two engineers came to Caracas with letters of credit and full power to close the deal immediately. They were stupefied when they were told that the shareholders of the asphalt mine demanded $160,000 for the property instead of the $80,000 stipulated in the option sold to Gov. Pingree. Protests were of no avail. The two engineers who came with Gov. Pingree's secretary have been sent to Maracaibo to report on another asphalt mine, as the Governor is anxious to get possession of such a property.

BABY ON MAGEE'S DOORSTEP.

His Name Is John and the Bethel Matron Added Smith.

A male infant, about 3 weeks old, was found last evening wrapped up in a shawl lying on the doorstep of Harry Magee's residence at 2131 Chestnut street. Attached to the shawl was a card on which was written in ink:

"Please give this child a good home; his name is John."

The babe was taken to the Bethesda Home. The matron said she would name the infant, John Smith.

SAMPLE CASES STOLEN.

T. J. Fouke Left Them With an Unknown Man.

T. J. Fouke, a salesman for the J. M. Anderson Grocery Company, 818 Spruce street, left his three sample cases in care of an unknown man in the waiting room at the Union Station last evening. When he returned a few minutes later the man and sample cases were missing.

Fouke reported his loss to the police. The sample cases were filled with tea, sugar and cigars. They were valued at $30.

BISMARCK IS FAILING.

Said to Be Declining Both Mentally and Physically.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A special dispatch from Hamburg says: Prince Bismarck, who braced up for the Emperor's visit, has relapsed into his former weakness, despondency and persistent insomnia. Mentally and physically Prince Bismarck is rapidly declining.

EARTHQUAKES ON TWO CONTINENTS.

IN CENTRAL ITALY.

ROME, Dec. 18.—Strong earthquake shocks lasting twelve seconds, were felt at 8:39 this morning at Curtia di Castello, Province of Perugua, Central Italy. The walls of houses split, many chimneys fell, the bells rang and a panic prevailed among the inhabitants.

SHOCK AT RICHMOND.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 18.—There was a decided earthquake shock felt in this city and its vicinity at 6:45 p. m. to-night. It lasted about seven seconds. The shock was from South to North.

RUIZ PUT TO DEATH.

BLANCO PEACE COMMISSIONER KILLED FOR OFFERING AUTONOMY TO INSURGENTS.

THEY USED THE MACHETE.

He Was Court-Martialed in Aranguren's Camp in Accordance With Gomez' Proclamation.

HAVANA, Dec. 18.—There is confirmation of the execution of Col. Ruiz, Blanco's peace emissary. It is now known that Col. Ruiz proceeded into the country on Monday last, having previously written a letter to the insurgent General, Arangueren. To-night a consular employe, Senor Tosca, who had been commissioned by United States Consul-General Lee to make inquiries, returned from Campo Florido, three leagues distant from the insurgent encampment at Tumba Cuatro. He says he met outposts of Aranguren's force, and that the chief of the party confirmed the report that on his arrival Col. Ruiz was met by Aranguren and an escort of twelve men who received him warmly. Ruiz urged the party to accept autonomy and congratulated himself that he would induce them to return with him to Havana.

The insurgents in camp had not been prepared for the visit by Aranguren and seeing Ruiz in his uniform and learning the object of his visit they demanded the application of the proclamation of Gomez and Rodriguez, which orders the infliction of the death penalty on all persons who attempt to induce chiefs of the rebellion to surrender.

In compliance with their demands a court-martial was formed and the sentence of death was passed upon Ruiz.

Senor Tosca adds that Aranguren stood aloof during the trial and allowed the death sentence to be carried out. Col. Ruiz was executed with a machete.

A BABY'S LONESOME TRIP.

Little Tennessee Orphan Found a Home in Pine Bluff.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 18.—The Cotton Belt train from Memphis, which arrived Thursday afternoon, had an interesting passenger in the person of a 6-months-old baby boy, whose destination was Pine Bluff. The little fellow made the trip alone, in care of the Pullman conductor, and arrived in good condition. Two bottles of milk, which were liberally spiked with whisky, and the few scanty garments in which the little waif was clad were the only effects he brought with him to his new home, with the exception of a bright silver dollar, which was given him by a passenger who became interested in him.

The child was sent to Mrs. I. J. Russell, a widow, who resides in this city. The lady knows nothing about the child, further than that he is an orphan, and that his name was Smith. She stated that she recently paid a friend in Memphis a visit, and that the lady whom she visited had the child, its mother having died only a few days before.

"I lost a little boy about a year ago," said Mrs. Russell, "and I have never become reconciled to his death. When I saw the little orphan he reminded me of my dead baby, and I begged the lady to give him to me. As she had a number of children, she was glad to find some one who would care for the boy and she consented for me to have him. So the little fellow arrived Thursday afternoon. The conductor, in whose care the child was sent, refused to receive pay for his trouble and also sent me a silver dollar, which, he said, a passenger had left with him for the baby."

ROBBED, BUT CAN'T SPEAK.

A Belleville Veteran Thrown Into Apoplexy by a Struggle.

Green Young of Belleville was supposed to have money hidden away in his room. Riley Duncan found him Saturday morning suffering from apoplexy. His bed clothing was missing. He could not speak. Young is 60 and a veteran. He is a pensioner. His father, Joseph Young, was 100 years old when he died.

Riley Duncan thinks the bed clothing was taken in a struggle with Young. The thieves, he says, might have thought the clothes contained money.

BITTEN BY A KITTEN.

Prof. Robinson of Guilford, N. C., Fears Hydrophobia.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—Prof. Dolph A. Robinson of Guilford College, Guilford, N. C., came to Baltimore to-day to take the Pasteur treatment for threatened hydrophobia. He was bitten by a kitten on November 9, and a boy who lived in Guilford was bitten by the same animal on the same day. The boy died Thursday last of hydrophobia and Prof. Robinson became alarmed and came here in the hope that the threatened danger might be averted.

ALFRED HOCK'S HONEYMOON.

He Will Spend It Alone in the Klondike Region.

Alfred A. Hock, a bridegroom of a few days, is off for the Klondike. He worked fifteen years for Frankenthal Brothers, St. Louis. He married Miss Bertha M. Rose at Clayton. He goes with her consent. His firm tried to keep him home. He is 24 and has many friends.

SILVER HEELS HELD.

The Filibuster Suspect Detained at Wilmington.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 18.—The schooner Silver Heels, suspected of having been engaged in filibustering operations, is detained here unable to get clearance papers.

To-day United States District Attorney C. B. Aycock took the testimony of the Captain and the crew, which they gave voluntarily. While Mr. Aycock refused to make the affidavits public, it is generally understood that the testimony was an absolute denial of having in any way violated the neutrality laws.

Testimony was also taken from the stevedores who loaded the schooner. All the information will be sent to Washington and pending the action of the Government the Silver Heels will remain at this port.

Two Suits for Libel.

Coleridge W. Herbert brought suit for $25,000 damages yesterday against the St. Louis Star.

Lawrence J. Hanley, actor, yesterday brought a libel suit against the St. Louis Star for $25,000.

Belleville Nail Mill Resumes.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
BELLEVILLE, Ill., Dec. 18.—Hartmann, Hay & Reis nail mill employes have agreed to a wage scale and the factory will resume Mond

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LODGES.
ORDER OF COLUMBIA—Notice, a meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2 p. m., at Delfs Hall, corner 14th and Benton sts., for the purpose of organizing a new German lodge of the Order of Columbia; all welcome.
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CHINA GAVE HER CONSENT.

A Russian Squadron Has Entered Port Arthur.

IS NOT AN OCCUPATION.

ALL EUROPE IS WONDERING WHAT THE GERMAN EMPEROR WILL DO NEXT.

THOSE SPEECHES AT KIEL.

It Is Said That the Kaiser Wrote His Brother's Address, Which Has Caused So Much Comment.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The announcement from Vienna to-day that Russia had seized Port Arthur, was regarded as the first step in the partition of China among European powers. To-night, however, a dispatch from St. Petersburg says that a Russian squadron under Rear Admiral Reaonua has entered Port Arthur, on the Chinese coast, with the entire acquiescence of the Chinese Government. The squadron intends to remain at Port Arthur throughout the winter. This is due solely to the need of a temporary winter station, and involves no question of forcible occupation or hostile demonstration or any intention against China, Germany, Japan or any other power.

ON THE WAY TO CHINA.

Two American Warships Ordered to Join the Asiatic Squadron.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The sending of the cruiser Raleigh from Smyrna to Chinese waters has excited much comment here. It is held to indicate that important dispatches have been received from Minister Denby, and that the Raleigh goes on his recommendation. Secretary Long denies that there is any significance in his order to the Raleigh, but admits that the Asiatic squadron is to be strengthened. The State Department officials also refuse to admit the receipt of advices from Minister Denby. The gunboat Helena was given sailing orders to-day also, and is on her way to China. This, however, has been in contemplation some time, and is not regarded as unusual.

"STARK, STARING MAD."

London Papers Comment on the Kaiser's Latest Performance.

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LONDON, Dec. 18.—Poor Prince Henry of Prussia should not be ridiculed too severely. They were not his speeches that he delivered at Kiel, but were the product of Emperor William's erratic brain.

As Prince Henry had hitherto been regarded as a young man of average sanity his outrageous speeches on the occasion of his departure for China excited the utmost astonishment. It was assumed that he was beginning to manifest, only in a more aggravated form, his brother's mania, but the mystery is now explained by Berlin correspondents.

The Kaiser feared that Prince Henry would not do justice to the situation in requisite strain of hyperbole wrote the speeches beforehand and compelled his brother to commit them to memory. Comments of the German press on these wild utterances show keenly resentment at the ridicule cast on the Fatherland by such extravagant performances of the Kaiser, who is declared to be in a state of excitement causing intense apprehension to the Empress and suite lest his reason may give way altogether.

The general opinion of Kiel is voiced by a diplomat's remark:

"It is a great pity that Germany, having an easy, safe and simple, though slightly piratical piece of work on hand, should not be able to perform it without setting the world laughing."

The paper is full of comments on the subject. The Times says:

"The august utterances are worthy of heroes of melodrama and would seem high-flown to modern ideas if uttered by Philip II. as he dispatched the Armada; or Columbus as he started to carry the dominion of Spain over the ocean. The Kaiser evoked memories of Metz and Sedan to encourage Prince Henry to keep a stout heart as he faces the perils of the Suez Canal, and the terrors of the China seas. Prince Henry's perforation was closed by a specimen of almost self-embasement, unique in the annals of modern Europe."

The Saturday Review thinks the nickname of William the Witless is no longer adequate. It says that he is "stark, staring mad. In spite of the ominous fact that he has alienated the newspapers and professors, insulted the greatest nobles, when they ventured to disagree with his extraordinary activity, until the court is deserted and known throughout Germany as the Court of Parvenus, the poor creature continues to take himself seriously, as a sort of drill-Sergeant of Providence."

The average Englishman who is laughing loudly to day probably will be puzzling his brains next week as to whether the German craze for naval power is not a thing to be reckoned with. It may have been more than a mere joke when in talking to Count Zichy, the Emperor said: "You should visit China; by the time you get there you will find Prince Henry Emperor of China. Why should not Emperor William found a second India for Germany in China as a means of imperial aggrandizement, and of averting the social revolution threatened at home.

The Spectator dilates on this view to-day and is quite prepared, perhaps even to welcome the German Emperor as the acknowledged master and opener to civilization and foreign trade of the richest, best-populated and quietest section of the Chinese empire.

The Emperor has been characteristically busy the whole week. Besides Kiel, he attended a number of banquets and important meetings. While at Hamburg and Kiel his Majesty made several noteworthy remarks. For instance, while inspecting the Deutschland, he said he hoped the time was not distant when Germany would have such fine vessels afloat in every sea.

While dining with Admiral Von Knorr the Emperor said: "China is like an artichoke; it has to be eaten bit by bit."

BRYAN NOT BIG ENOUGH.

Why Certain Senators Oppose Him for the Chinese Mission.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The nomination of Charles Page Bryan of Illinois to be Minister to China will be opposed by Senator Teller of Colorado, even if no other Senator decides to antagonize the Administration. Senator Teller frankly said to-day that his opposition to Mr. Bryan is based solely upon the ground that the latter has had neither experience nor training that would justify his nomination for that important mission at Peking. Senator Teller added:

"The mission to England, France or Russia is at this time of less importance than is the Chinese mission. My opposition to Mr. Bryan grows out of the recognized necessity of having a strong man at this important post, and I do not believe that the friends of Mr. Bryan will contend that he meets these requirements."

The President was influenced to select Mr. Bryan by Secretary of the Treasury Gage and H. H. Kohlsaat of Chicago.

Mr. Bryan's friends say that the opposition to him will not be sufficient to defeat him.

Senator Frye is also opposing Bryan, and for the same reason.

He said he had talked with Bryan for an hour and had been simply amazed at his lack of information and his vast accumulation of misinformation.

He said, among other things, Bryan told him "he was going to China with the flag of commerce in one hand and the flag of Christianity in the other."

Another story is that Bryan called on the Secretary of the Navy and asked for a man-of-war to take him and "his suite" to China. He also told "Teddy" Roosevelt that he was allowed to select his Secretary of Legation, and, said he, "Teddy, I want a man about your size."

Bryan's friends deny these stories and say that he will be confirmed without much trouble. They say Cullom is doing all he can to contribute to Bryan's undoing.

Another German Warship.

FERROL, Spain, Dec. 18.—The German iron clad Oldenburg has sailed for Gibralter to join the vessels bound for China under command of Prince Henry.

IT'S PLEASANT BUT EXPENSIVE.

Sleigh Riding Is Rare Sport for Those Who Can Pay.

All the fun of sleighing of which the weather man has defrauded St. Louisans the last two winters is now being made up to them. The West End driveways and boulevards were never in such condition for the glorious and costly sport as they have been since the combined snow and sleet storm of Thursday evening.

Last night Lindell boulevard, in particular, resembled the favorite speedway of a Northern city during the mid-winter carnival week. From the intersection of the beautiful avenue at Olive street straight out to Forest Park entrance were two continuous lines of handsome sleighs drawn by high-stepping horses.

Sleighing, when enjoyed properly, is an expensive divertisement. The money represented by the turnouts on Lindell boulevard and in the park last evening would keep several families in comfort until the April showers come. Here are the standard prices for sleighs at the St. Louis livery stables:

Cutter and one horse, first hour	$3 00
Each additional hour	2 00
Cutter and two horses, first hour	5 00
Each additional hour	3 00
Double sleighs, two horses, first hour	5 00
Each additional hour	3 00

As no rig is hired for less than two hours and as no man would have the nerve to drive a young lady less than three, allowing at least an hour for a stop at the Cottage or some other convenient road house, it will be seen that a sleigh ride is a matter of not less than $10.

On a basis of $10 for each sleigh which sped up the boulevard over the crisp snow into Forest Park, there must have been $5,000 spent Saturday evening for a jaunt to the accompaniment of jingling bells.

Unless the temperature rises as rapidly as it fell Thursday the sleighing will be excellent for several days. The ice coating on top of the snow is a great advantage to the horses, enabling them to draw heavy loads with the greatest ease.

DR. RICHARD KERLEY'S LIFE.

It Hangs by a Thread Since Saturday's Accident.

Dr. Richard M. Kerley, ex-superintendent of the Female Hospital, who was seriously injured Friday night by a street car, was reported last night to be still in a dangerous condition, though some hope was entertained for his ultimate recovery. His home is at 4728 Labadie avenue.

The accident occurred on St. Louis and Marcus avenues. The doctor was riding along in his storm buggy, just after dark, with a muffler about his ears to protect his face from the cutting winds and sleet. His vehicle was running along the tracks of the Cass avenue line, and he failed to hear the warning gong of an approaching car.

The motorman, presuming the buggy would turn out in ample time, neglected to apply his airbrakes, it is said, until too late. When he did apply them the car sped onward down the hill, the rails being slippery with sleet.

There was a frightful collision. The buggy, torn in pieces, was thrown upon the floundering horse and piled upon Dr. Kerley. The doctor is very fleshy and nearly 60 years old. He was cut in many places and injured internally. He was picked up unconscious and carried to his home, a few blocks away, where Dr. Bernays gave him prompt attention.

Dr. Kerley has been very unfortunate of late, and many friends sympathize with him in his afflictions. One of his sons got into trouble, another was killed in the fire at Aloe's and lately his home and it belongings, on Easton avenue, were destroyed by fire. He has had his full share of trouble.

MRS. BOETGES' BLOODY NOSE.

Says Her Husband Met Her at the Ball-Room Door.

Two women walked into the Second District Police Station last night. One of them was bleeding from the nose. She said she was Mrs. Carrie Boetges of 814 Russell avenue and her companion was Miss Josie Burget of 1403 South Second street.

According to Mrs. Boetges' story they had started to a dance at National Hall, Dolman and Russell avenues. As they were entering the hall, according to the women's story, Mrs. Boetges' husband approached her and asked her for 25 cents to buy beer to drown his troubles. She refused, and then she says her husband hit her in the face and knocked her down.

She says a crowd of men around the hall chased her husband three blocks, but he escaped. She wants him arrested.

Druggist Assigns.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 18.—Charles A. Siegmund, retail druggist, has assigned. Liabilities, $25,000.

Cavalry Officer Injured.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Lieut. Joseph T. Crabbs, 18th Cavalry, was thrown from his horse to-day and badly hurt internally and externally.

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MISS KATE MORIARTY.
(the Catholic Bride.)

THE BRIDE'S PUBLIC EXCOMMUNICATION THE TALK OF ALL CHURCH CIRCLES.

BISHOP BURKE'S POSITION.

Presbyterians Regard His Action as an Affront to That Denomination.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 18.—The public excommunication a few days ago of a large number of Catholics for participating in a wedding at a Protestant church may bring on a sectarian war in this city. The feeling is growing higher every day.

Miss Catherine Moriarty is a daughter of Irish parents, as her name indicates, and a devout member of the Catholic church. That is, she was a member of the church until the Rt. Rev. Maurice F. Burke, bishop of the diocese of St. Joseph, excommunicated her. The bishop did not stop with Miss Moriarty, but included her parents, her sister and many of her relatives and friends.

The cause of all the trouble was because Miss Moriarty, who is young and pretty, fell in love with Charles A. Miller, the son of a hardware merchant, and wanted to marry him. Miller is a member of the Presbyterian Church, but he fixed things up with his sweetheart by agreeing to be married by a priest if she would consent to be married again by a Presbyterian minister. Pretty Katie Moriarty said she would just as soon be married twice as once, provided, she was married each time to Gus, as she calls young Miller.

Bishop Burke was asked by the young lady to grant her a dispensation to marry during Advent, a season when no marrying is allowed without the consent of the Bishop. The dispensation was granted, and Miss Katie was also given the permission of the Bishop to marry a Protestant. Then she shocked him by asking for the privilege of being married in a Protestant church. The Bishop refused, even when it was explained to him that they intended first to be married by a Catholic clergyman. The young lady was given some plain talk, and was told that the laws of the church would not allow her to do anything of the kind.

There was at one time a possibility that the churches to which the two young people belonged would break up the match, but the possibility did not last long. Katie Moriarty said she would be married in a church, in spite of the Bishop, and Miller invited her to be married in the Presbyterian Church, and by his pastor. Katie Moriarty said she would be married there.

Wedding cards were sent out inviting the friends of the young people to attend the wedding. They came in large numbers, both Catholics and Protestants. After the ceremony there was a reception at the Moriarty home, and the guests flocked there to offer congratulations to pretty Katie Miller, as she had become, by having outwitted the Bishop. The young people were married by the Rev. George A. Trenholm, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Bishop Burke issued a letter to the Catholic clergymen of the city, and had them read it from their pulpits. It recited that there had been a great public scandal, by the marriage of a Catholic young woman in a Protestant church, attended by Catholics on all sides, aiding and abetting her in the scandalous proceeding. The affair was made more notorious by the publication in the papers of accounts of the wedding. The girl was excommunicated, and with her all those who aided and abetted her in the marriage, as well as those who went to the Moriarty home after the wedding and congratulated the bride.

The sweeping excommunication caused the greatest astonishment.

Katie Moriarty had not thought of stirring up a strife like that when she announced that she intended to be married in some church, in spite of anything the Bishop said. She didn't know there would be such dire consequences.

Bishop Burke said the Catholics taking part in the wedding had violated the rules of the church, and that the excommunication was ipso facto. He said he had no personal feeling in the matter at all.

The feeling that has been stirred up between the members of the two churches is almost alarming. The Presbyterians regard the excommunication of the Catholics for such a cause as an affront to them, while the Catholics have little to say. They know the discipline of their church, and that the Bishop only did his duty when he excommunicated the wedding party.



CHARLES A. MILLER,
(the Protestant Bridegroom.)

GOMPERS IS CHOSEN.

AGAIN THE OLD LEADER OF THE LABOR FEDERATION IS MADE PRESIDENT.

DEFEATS KRAFT BY 1,438.

McGuire and Duncan Re-Elected as Vice-Presidents, and Kansas City Selected for Next Meeting Place.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 18.—At today's session of the American Federation of Labor the committee on President's report recommended that the president issue an appeal to the unions of the country for contributions of funds for the aid of the striking engineers of England. It was advised that the Federation appropriate $500 for this purpose. Concerning restriction of immigration the committee recommended that the convention pronounce in favor of a reasonable measure of restriction on the lines of the educational test as contained in the Lodge bill, that failed of enactment at the last session of Congress. The report of the committee was adopted.

The discussion of the brewery workmen's resolution was resumed and an amendment referring the situation in Rochester, N. Y., to a special committee was defeated. Mr. O'Connell, in behalf of the Federation in a brief speech, presented to J. H. Wilson and Edwd. Harrol, visiting English fraternal delegates, each a handsome token of the Federation's appreciation. Both responded in appreciative words.

James Duncan reported that tile layers had perfected an organization and elected officers and an application for a charter was pending.

The brewery workmen's resolution reported at the morning session was voted on and adopted. The announcement of the vote on the immigration resolution was 1,542 for the resolution and 242 against it.

The election of officers was then entered upon, Martin Foss being in the chair. G. J. Bennett nominated Samuel Gompers for President, John F. Tobin nominated Ernest Kraft of Philadelphia, J. J. O'Dea seconded the nomination of Kraft, saying that he did so that the lines of the movement might be expanded; George P. McNeill seconded the nomination of Gompers, and referred to what had been achieved under his administration. The vote resulted: Gompers 1,845; Kraft 407.

P. J. McGuire and James Duncan were placed in nomination for First Vice-President and Second Vice-President and were unanimously elected. Robert Askey was elected Third Vice-President.

M.M. Girl was chosen Fourth Vice-President by a unanimous vote. George B. Lennon was chosen Treasurer and Frank Morrison Secretary without opposition.

For legislation committee Andrew Furseth of San Francisco was chosen. The choice of the next place of meeting was a contest between Kansas City and Detroit, the vote resulting: Kansas City 1,506½; Detroit 806½.

The report of the Committee on Organization was then taken up, and on the request of the International Printing Pressmen reported favorably and adopted. A resolution calling for the immediate organization of custom tailors in Cincinnati, Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo and Milwaukee was adopted. It was resolved to have a fraternal delegate to the Canada Labor Congress.

The vote on the fraternal delegates was announced as follows: Duncan, 1,353; Lloyd, 1,275½; Ratchford, 1,501½, and Mahoney, 175. The choice of the candidates had received a majority of the votes cast and the hindmost man would be dropped. A discussion started immediately and was kept up for some time, until a second ballot was taken, Mahoney being dropped, and resulted:

Duncan, 1,450; Lloyd, 1,394½; Ratchford, 1,348½. Duncan and Lloyd were declared elected.

The Federation adjourned until Monday. Most of the business has been transacted and Tuesday at least should bring the sessions to a close.

STRUCK THE BARRELS.

The Arabia's Treasure Uncovered, but Not Tapped.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
PARKVILLE, Mo., Dec. 18.—The searchers for the treasure contained in the hull of the Arabia have discovered quite a number of barrels, but owing to the small engine with which they are now working, they cannot keep the sand out of the hold long enough to enable them to ascertain the contents of the barrels. A larger engine will be put on the work as soon as possible and Gale Henson's crew hope to soon have business with the reverse officers.

NEW COLLECTOR FOR ST. LOUIS.

Mr. Grenner Was a Newspaper Man Before He Entered Politics.

The President sent to the Senate yesterday the names of Henry C. Grenner of St. Louis for appointment as Internal Revenue Collector for the Eastern District of Missouri, and J. H. Walkenhorst of St. Louis to be Appraiser of Merchandise.

Mr. Grenner was born in Philadelphia in 1855, and reared in New York City, where at the age of 19 years he published a Republican weekly called the "Nineteenth Ward Bulletin." Then he went into real journalism, and for nine years was an editorial writer.

In 1876 he bought a half interest in the Titusville (Pa.) Daily Herald, and made that newspaper the organ of Republicanism in Western Pennsylvania, taking an active interest in National and State politics.



H. C. GRENNER, NEW COLLECTOR.

He sold his newspaper in 1884 and invested his money in the oil business. One year later he came to St. Louis and organized the International Oil Company, which he has since successfully conducted in opposition to the Standard Oil monopoly.

Mr. Grenner lives in Filley's own ward, the Twentieth, but Filley did not recommend his appointment. He is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Union League Club, and served one term as a member of the Board of Charity Commissioners, under appointment by Mayor Wallbridge, wherein he distinguished himself by inaugurating notable reforms.

Mr. Walkenhorst was born in Bielfeld, Prussia, but was brought to this country when a child, and reared in Missouri. During the war he was a musician in Company K, First Missouri State Militia, serving three years. When the war closed he engaged in the business of brick-making, and later became a grocer.

FATAL GASOLINE EXPLOSION.

A Woman and Child Were Burned to Death.

HOLYOKE, Mass., Dec. 18.—Two lives were lost by the explosion of a gasoline stove in this city to-day. Miss Amelia Koegel, 35 years old, attempted to light the stove, when there was an explosion. She picked up a 2-year-old child named Alfred Kennell, who was in the house, and tried to escape, but got into the pantry and was cut off by the flames. Both were suffocated before help reached them.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST DEAD.

He Let His Child Die Without Medical Attention.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 18.—Frank Kirby, a Christian Scientist who refused to call on a physician when his 2-year-old daughter was taken sick with diphtheria, was held by the Coroner in $500 bail for his appearance before the Grand-jury. The Coroner's jury fixed upon him the responsibility for his child's death.

GOV. PINGREE DUPED.

FINDS NOW THAT HE HAS NOT BOUGHT THE VENEZUELA ASPHALT BEDS.

THE PRICE HAS BEEN DOUBLED.

A Little Mistake of $80,000 Grows Out of the Fact That Gov. Pingree Does Not Speak Spanish.

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.
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CARACAS, Dec. 18.—As stated by the Post-Dispatch correspondent last October, Gov. Pingree of Michigan came here to obtain an option on the Pedernales Asphalt Mine, near the mouth of the Orinoco. He left here greatly pleased to have obtained it, as he thought. It is said that immediately after his return home he formed a syndicate of friends residing in Milwaukee, Detroit and Chicago to buy and exploit the mine. Gov. Pingree does not speak Spanish and did not discover that the option sold to him to buy the mine for $80,000 was subject to the approval of the general meeting of the shareholders, who refused later to recognize the document signed by their president.

A party composed of Col. Eli S. Sutton, secretary for Gov. Pingree, Edward P. Hackett, a banker of Milwaukee, and two engineers came to Caracas with letters of credit and full power to close the deal immediately. They were stupefied when they were told that the shareholders of the asphalt mine demanded $160,000 for the property instead of the $80,000 stipulated in the option sold to Gov. Pingree. Protests were of no avail. The two engineers who came with Gov. Pingree's secretary have been sent to Maracaibo to report on another asphalt mine, as the Governor is anxious to get possession of such a property.

BABY ON MAGEE'S DOORSTEP.

His Name Is John and the Bethel Matron Added Smith.

A male infant, about 3 weeks old, was found last evening wrapped up in a shawl lying on the doorstep of Harry Magee's residence at 2131 Chestnut street. Attached to the shawl was a card on which was written in ink:

"Please give this child a good home; his name is John."

The babe was taken to the Bethesda Home. The matron said she would name the infant, John Smith.

SAMPLE CASES STOLEN.

T. J. Fouke Left Them With an Unknown Man.

T. J. Fouke, a salesman for the J. M. Anderson Grocery Company, 818 Spruce street, left his three sample cases in care of an unknown man in the waiting room at the Union Station last evening. When he returned a few minutes later the man and sample cases were missing.

Fouké reported his loss to the police. The sample cases were filled with tea, sugar and cigars. They were valued at $30.

BISMARCK IS FAILING.

Said to Be Declining Both Mentally and Physically.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A special dispatch from Hamburg says: Prince Bismarck, who braced up for the Emperor's visit, has relapsed into his former weakness, despondency and persistent insomnia. Mentally and physically Prince Bismarck is rapidly declining.

EARTHQUAKES ON TWO CONTINENTS.

IN CENTRAL ITALY.

ROME, Dec. 18.—Strong earthquake shocks lasting twelve seconds, were felt at 8:39 this morning at Curia di Castello, Province of Perugua, Central Italy. The walls of houses split, many chimneys fell, the bells rang and a panic prevailed among the inhabitants.

SHOCK AT RICHMOND.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 18.—There was a decided earthquake shock felt in this city and its vicinity at 6:45 p. m. to-night. It lasted about seven seconds. The shock was from South to North.

RUIZ PUT TO DEATH.

BLANCO PEACE COMMISSIONER KILLED FOR OFFERING AUTONOMY TO INSURGENTS.

THEY USED THE MACHETE.

He Was Court-Martialed in Aranguren's Camp in Accordance With Gomez' Proclamation.

HAVANA, Dec. 18.—There is confirmation of the execution of Col. Ruiz, Blanco's peace emissary. It is now known that Col. Ruiz proceeded into the country on Monday last, having previously written a letter to the insurgent General, Aranguren. To-night a consular employe, Senor Tosca, who had been commissioned by United States Consul-General Lee to make inquiries, returned from Campo Florido, three leagues distant from the insurgent encampment at Tumba Cuatro. He says he met outposts of Aranguren's force, and that the chief of the party confirmed the report that on his arrival Col. Ruiz was met by Aranguren and an escort of twelve men who received him warmly. Ruiz urged the party to accept autonomy and congratulated himself that he would induce them to return with him to Havana.

The insurgents in camp had not been prepared for the visit by Aranguren and seeing Ruiz in his uniform and learning the object of his visit they demanded the application of the proclamation of Gomez and Rodriguez, which orders the infliction of the death penalty on all persons who attempt to induce chiefs of the rebellion to surrender.

In compliance with their demands a court-martial was formed and the sentence of death was passed upon Ruiz.

Senor Tosca adds that Aranguren stood aloof during the trial and allowed the death sentence to be carried out. Col. Ruiz was executed with a machete.

A BABY'S LONESOME TRIP.

Little Tennessee Orphan Found a Home in Pine Bluff.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 18.—The Cotton Belt train from Memphis, which arrived Thursday afternoon, had an interesting passenger in the person of a 6-months-old baby boy, whose destination was Pine Bluff. The little fellow made the trip alone, in care of the Pullman conductor, and arrived in good condition. Two bottles of milk, which were liberally spiked with whisky, and the few scanty garments in which the little waif was clad were the only effects he brought with him to his new home, with the exception of a bright silver dollar, which was given him by a passenger who became interested in him.

The child was sent to Mrs. I. J. Russell, a widow, who resides in this city. The lady knows nothing about the child, further than that he is an orphan, and that his name was Smith. She stated that she recently paid a friend in Memphis a visit, and that the lady whom she visited had the child, its mother having died only a few days before. "I lost a little boy about a year ago," said Mrs. Russell, "and I have never become reconciled to his death. When I saw the little orphan he reminded me of my dead baby, and I begged the lady to give him to me. As she had a number of children, she was glad to find some one who would care for the boy and she consented for me to have him. So the little fellow arrived Thursday afternoon. The conductor, in whose care the child was sent, refused to receive pay for his trouble and also sent me a silver dollar, which, he said, a passenger had left with him for the baby."

ROBBED, BUT CAN'T SPEAK.

A Belleville Veteran Thrown Into Apoplexy by a Struggle.

Green Young of Belleville was supposed to have money hidden away in his room. Riley Duncan found him Saturday morning suffering from apoplexy. His bed clothing was missing. He could not speak. Young is 60 and a veteran. He is a pensioner. His father, Joseph Young, was 100 years old when he died.

Riley Duncan thinks the bed clothing was taken in a struggle with Young. The thieves, he says, might have thought the clothes contained money.

BITTEN BY A KITTEN.

Prof. Robinson of Guilford, N. C., Fears Hydrophobia.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18.—Prof. Dolph A. Robinson of Guilford College, Guilford, N. C., came to Baltimore to-day to take the Pasteur treatment for threatened hydrophobia. He was bitten by a kitten on November 9, and a boy who lived in Guilford was bitten by the same animal on the same day. The boy died Thursday last of hydrophobia and Prof. Robinson became alarmed and came here in the hope that the threatened danger might be averted.

ALFRED HOCK'S HONEYMOON.

He Will Spend It Alone in the Klondike Region.

Alfred A. Hock, a bridegroom of a few days, is off for the Klondike. He worked fifteen years for Frankenthal Brothers, St. Louis. He married Miss Bertha M. Rose at Clayton. He goes with her consent. His firm tried to keep him home. He is 24 and has many friends.

SILVER HEELS HELD.

The Filibuster Suspect Detained at Wilmington.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 18.—The schooner Silver Heels, suspected of having been engaged in filibustering operations, is detained here unable to get clearance papers.

To-day United States District Attorney C. B. Aycock took the testimony of the Captain and the crew, which they gave voluntarily. While Mr. Aycock refused to make the affidavits public, it is generally understood that the testimony was an absolute denial of having in any way violated the neutrality laws.

Testimony was also taken from the stevedores who loaded the schooner. All the information will be sent to Washington and pending the action of the Government the Silver Heels will remain at this port.

Two Suits for Libel.

Coleridge W. Herbert brought suit for $25,000 damages yesterday against the St. Louis Star.

Lawrence J. Hanley, actor, yesterday brought a libel suit against the St. Louis Star for $25,000.

Belleville Nail Mill Resumes.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
BELLEVILLE, Ill., Dec. 18.—Hartmann, Hay & Reis nail mill employes have agreed to a wage scale and the factory will resume Monday.

STRONG CONTRAST PRESENTED IN THE LIVES OF THESE TWO MEN.

From Bank President to Convict the History of Charles W. Spalding.

From Newsboy to Governor of Alaska the History of John Green Brady.

INFATUATION FOR HIS CHARMING TYPEWRITER PROVED THE RUIN OF A BRILLIANT FINANCIER.



CHARLES W. SPALDING. SARAH LOUISE ERWIN.

DETERMINATION TO DO RIGHT AND WIN FOR HIMSELF A NAME WERE THE STEPPING STONES TO HAPPINESS.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18.—From banker to convict was not a long step for Charles W. Spalding, who sits in his cell in the Cook County Jail with a sentence of one to fifteen years at hard labor at Joliet hanging over his head. He has been convicted of embezzlement of the funds of the Illinois University.

Spalding came to Chicago thirteen years ago, where he connected himself with the Globe Savings Bank. It was before he entered the bank that he met Sarah Louise Erwin. The firm of which he was the senior member advertised for a typewriter and Miss Erwin secured the place. That was ten years ago.

Spalding fell in love with her, and, it appears, expected ultimately to marry her. He sent her to Harvard annex to complete her education and to receive that polish which would enable her to shine more brilliantly in the different walk of life to which her admirer hoped to elevate her.

In the beginning Spalding was discreet. He cherished his social and business position. He had become not only President of the Globe Savings Bank, but Treasurer of the Illinois State University, and occupied other responsible positions.

But as time wore on and the young woman became more attractive, his infatuation grew deeper. He placed at her command all the money she cared to spend. He built for her a house that cost $20,000, for Spalding cared for her family as well as Miss Erwin. He gave her brother a position in the bank. He gave the young woman a diamond necklace that cost $12,000. In addition to these expenditures they lived at the rate of $30,000 a year.

So flagrant became the behavior of Spalding that his wife separated from him, and he was glad, because it gave him greater freedom. He allowed her $100 a month, while he spent thousands upon the typewriter. His carriages were always at Miss Erwin's disposal. There was a box in a safe deposit vault that was never empty. In addition to the other presents, Spalding gave her bonds and land worth about $75,000. Her salary was $10 a week, and she was one of the best-dressed women in Chicago.

The crash came on April 5, when the bank's doors were closed. A week later a warrant was sworn out for Spalding's arrest. Then the whole story of his infatuation for Miss Erwin was the talk of Chicago.

Friends held a conference and decided to furnish bail for him and do everything in their power to aid him if he would agree to give up Miss Erwin and return to his wife and son. Spalding had hidden himself after the crash and had only that night delivered himself to the police.

"Liberty is as dear to me as it is to any man," he told his friends, "but I cannot purchase it at the price of honor."

Honor! And he had deserted his wife for a girl with black hair and rosy cheeks.

So Spalding went to jail, and since that time no friend has lifted a hand to help him. Only Miss Erwin remained faithful to him. She gave up the $61,000 in bonds and land that Spalding had given her, as well as the $20,000 house, in the hope that it would save him from prison. When she found that her sacrifice had failed she brought suit to recover her property.

The specific charge upon which Spalding was convicted was embezzling $28,000 in endowments of the University of Illinois. Lack of criminal intent was the point which Spalding made in the first trial and which the jury believed. In the second trial the jury was allowed to draw its own conclusions and "intent" was ruled out.

The Supreme Court has granted a supersedeas in Spalding's case, so that he will be sent to Joliet until a motion for a new trial is argued.

FROM A NEWSBOY IN NEW YORK TO THE GOVERNORSHIP OF ALASKA.

Special to Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—For eight years Johnny Brady was a New York gutter gamin in the dirtiest, dingiest part of Roosevelt street.

Now he is Hon. John Green Brady, Governor of the richest territorial possession of the United States, the enticing land of Alaska.

From the narrow thoroughfare called Roosevelt street, where the two walls are so close to each other that two teams may barely pass, to the great snow-breadths and white-capped Alaskan mountains in many thousand miles.

But Johnny Brady has proved that in this land of the free all boys are born free and equal.

Beyond that proposition were two elements responsible for Brady's career. One was the well-known principle of the Children's Aid Society, that the best way to do good is to help children help themselves from the wretched environments of city life, and giving them a chance to grow up on farms, and thus only can the problem of the surplus boy and girl of the slums be dealt with.

The other factor was Brady's own grit and his simple refusal to be turned from the course he laid out for himself.

But let Gov. Brady tell the story of Johnny Brady's rise. Here it is as he has written from his Alaska home to C. Loring Grace, Secretary of the New York Children's Aid Society:

I feel somewhat embarrassed in telling my story, and yet if it will be any encouragement to other boys I am glad to do so.

As you may imagine, I belong to the Irish class. My father was, unfortunately, addicted to drink. I lived in a house on Roosevelt street. I called it home, but it was anything but home. My mother died when I was quite young. I have a bare recollection of having seen her face. My father married again, and he used to beat my stepmother most brutally. Myself he would beat whenever he was in a drunken fit. He was a longshoreman. I bear on my body yet the marks of those beatings.

One night, as I was sleeping near the old Chatham Street Theater, I was awakened and advised to go to Randall's Island. I consented to go, and they put me in a lockup, where I stayed until next morning, when I was put in the Black Maria and taken to the foot of Twenty-sixth street, and from there to Randall's Island. There Mr. Burke (ex-Gov. Burke of North Dakota) and I became playmates. I remained on the island about two years, and then we volunteered to go West.

A lawyer got on the train as we were going to Noblesville, Ind., our destination, and he made up his mind to have one of the boys, and he selected John McElroy. But he could not get him, as he had already been picked out. He wanted me, then, but I had already been selected by an old Irishman. He had a cart and horse and bought five cents' worth of candy, which won me over completely.

I wanted to go with the Irishman, and the lawyer wanted me to go with him. I was very young and very stubborn, and he tried a little experiment with me. He procured a sack of apples and asked me to watch that sack. He naturally appealed to my boyish nature to boss over things. I watched that sack of apples until he had won me over, and I, of course, went with him.

I was brought up on the farm, and had to work very hard.



During the war, or, rather, at the beginning of the war, I wanted to enlist in the army, but they would not take me. I tried to make myself look taller by stuffing papers in my stockings, but it was of no use.

I began to read the newspapers. That made me wish for an education, so I went back to my old quarters and fell into the hands of good Presbyterians. They were good friends to me and I soon got a little schooling, but not very much. After a while I was fortunate enough to become a Hoosier schoolmaster for one term, and in that school I was converted. I felt that what I wanted was more education and I made up my mind that at the first opportunity I would start out for some college and learn more. I did so. At the time I received my education I was hardly able to pay for the tuition.

I attended Yale College and went through the theological course. I arrived at New Haven with not more than $10 in my pocket. I had an old suit, a broad hat and an oil-skin valise, and lived on bread and water for the first few days. I walked up as far as the campus and ventured to ask one of the young men where the examinations were held.

"Are you going to college?" he asked me.

"No; I don't know yet," I replied.

Let me say there is one thing I am proud of regarding Yale College. It is undoubtedly a democratic institution. I had classmates that were millionaires, and they were just as kind to me, just as warm-hearted and friendly as if I had been a fellow-millionaire. I never received a slur or unkind word at their hands. After acquiring ten years of an education I met Dr. Jackson in New York in 1877. He had been to Alaska and was naturally very enthusiastic over it. He told me about it, and as I had no relatives in the world dependent upon me I thought it my duty to go there.

Now, I don't believe there is a happier man living to-day than I am. I have a wife whom I love and who loves me. I have five little children.

This much should be added to Gov. Brady's story:

When McKinley was elected President the old ambition of the ex-street Arab asserted itself. Brady would be Governor now. He had always been a Rpublican. He was one of the biggest men in Alaska. So he came East to make a new fight.

The boy who came out of the dregs of Roosevelt street marched into Wall street and lower Broadway for support. He came out with the backing of big men, as New York goes, who knew of the work the Children's Aid Society had done for him. Such men were proud of Brady. On June 16 President McKinley sent to the Senate the appointment of John G. Brady to be Governor of Alaska. And there this fairy-like story of Johnny Brady ends. But with Brady's determination no one believes it is the last chapter. There is Congress and the Senate when Alaska becomes the richest, greatest State in the Union. Perhaps Brady, one time gutter gamin, may change his gubernatorial honors for a Senatorial toga under the great white dome of the nation's capitol.

UNDER WATER IN THE ARGONAUT.

A Three and a Half Hours' Submarine Voyage.

NOT A PLEASANT TRIP.

A POST-DISPATCH REPRESENTATIVE DESCRIBES HIS STRANGE EMOTIONS.

GLAD TO REACH THE TOP.

The Captain Made an Oyster Stew and Boiled Coffee While the Boat Was at the Bottom of the Stream.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 18.—I spent three hours and a half Wednesday traveling along the bottom of the Patapsco River as the Post-Dispatch representative aboard the submarine vessel and locomotive Argonaut when she made her official trip. The existing emotions which ran their conflicting courses and thronged my brain that day will not soon be forgotten. A brief description of the boat should precede my story.

The argonaut resembles a steel egg, with a coning tower about the size of a barrel rising from the center of the top of the craft. She is 36 feet long and 9 feet beam. The vessel is sunk by admitting water into ballast tanks and raised by pumping the water out.

In shallow water she is drawn into the submerged boat by hollow copper masts, which extend above the surface of the river or sea, and she is propelled by a gas engine. In deep sea work the craft will use compressed air for the crew, and the engine will be driven by storage batteries. The bow of the vessel contains air-locks and a door by which divers may go out in the Argonaut while she is under water. Attached to the bottom are two weights, each a ton, which can be released in case of accident and the Argonaut will go to the surface. The first party was too numerous for the seats and when the inventor said, "One of you will have to get out," six doubtful submarine explorers made a rush to accept the rejection and climbed out of the boat and went ashore, half glad of the opportunity to make a pretense that they were angry. Four of us, one a woman, remained aboard.

The first trip was uneventful though thrilling to me. While the craft was at the bottom of the channel I was startled to see a jet of water shoot into the boat from one of its sides. My heart sank within me; I thought we were gone. The water wet the leather strap which runs the pump which emptied the ballast tank. This caused the belt to slip and the pump was useless.

The crew manned the hand-pump and the tanks were emptied sufficiently to raise the craft from the muddy channel in which we were temporarily stuck. About this time the rush of air through the boat and the hum of the machinery made my ears ring with the sound of distant chimes. When we reached shallow water and the lid of the coning tower was opened, I felt as if some one had given me a good slap on the ears. It must have been caused by the collision of the atmospheres. After I stepped out of the boat ordinary conversation seemed to reach my ears in whispers. This trip lasted an hour and a half.

After lunch I went down with the second party. On this trip an uncle of Luther Lake, the owner of the boat, had raw oysters and coffee with him. A gasoline stove was produced and the oysters were stewed and the coffee boiled while we were at the bottom of the river channel. This trip was the more thrilling of the two, as Mr. Lake startled me by saying he would open a door in the bottom of the boat through which no water would enter, and that he would send a diver out to the bottom of the Patapsco. It was useless to protest, if I wanted to. I was ready for anything by this time. The diver put on his armor and stepped into an air-tight compartment in the forward part of the boat. I followed him. An air-tight steel door closed behind me. I heard a hissing sound as the compartment was being filled with compressed air, equal to the water outside the boat.

I felt as if I were locked in a safe deposit company's vault. My ears felt numb and then they pained me. Suddenly my ears cracked; the pain had gone, but they were still numb. Next we stepped into another compartment farther forward and a second steel door was closed behind us. I had that "something-is-going-to-happen" feeling. This second chamber was also filled with air until the atmospheric pressure inside equaled the water outside. Mr. Lake told me that when the two pressures are equal that no water will enter the craft. These facts are indicated by gauges. When the diver began to unscrew the door in the bottom of the compartment I must confess that I wanted to run, but I stood my ground bravely, as three steel doors and two feet of water stood between me and safety.

EDWARD M'NULTY PARDONED.

He Was Accused of Attempted Assault on Annie Daly.

Edward McNulty, 24 years old, who was sentenced May 22 to one year in jail for assault with evil intent, was pardoned yesterday by Gov. Stephens.

McNulty's accuser was Annie Daly, 26 years old, who lived in the same house with the McNulty's fmaily. She stated that he came home one night drunk and forced the door of her room. They lived at Fairfax avenue and Whittier street.

T. J. Hennessy, Railroad Commissioner, and Assistant United States District Attorney Anthony are said to have been instrumental in securing the pardon.

The news was conveyed to McNulty by a Post-Dispatch reporter. He was overjoyed.

"My cell must be lucky," he said. "Last week my cellmate, Newton Sommers, who was doing six months here for forgery in the fourth degree, was pardoned, and now I am to be set free."

DIDN'T CARE TO BE TAKEN IN.

This Stranger Had No Money for Confidence Men.

The confidence men who operate under the guise of detectives in and around the Union Station are still doing business.

Last night while Valentine Vandersmith of Jasper, Ind., was waiting in the depot for a train he was approached by a well-dressed stranger who showed Vandersmith a star and said he was under arrest. He took Vandersmith to Twenty-first and Clark avenue, when they were met by a confederate, who greeted the bogus officer with the remark: "Well, I see you have got the counterfeiter."

Vandersmith become suspicious and breaking away ran back to the Union Station.

The men did not attempt to follow.

Hattie Slashed Her Sweetheart.

Gorge Range and his sweetheart, Hattie Stephenson, colored, quarreled last evening in a saloon at 1000 North Seventh street. Hattie slashed George across the left wrist with a knife inflicting a severe wound. Treated at the dispensary. Hattie was locked up.

Mr. C. O. McCready, twenty years with T. B. Boyd, is now with Humphrey's furnishing department.

GIFTS ✱ TRUNKS, BAGS, VALISES, SUIT CASES, Etc.

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IT MAY RESUME BUSINESS.

The Liabilities Are About $35,000 and the Assets Probably a Few Thousands More.

At the closing hour at the Court-house last evening a chattel deed of trust to protect creditors was filed by the Hynson Hardware Company, 204 North Sixth street.

The liabilities will amount to $32,000 or $35,000, and it is thought the assets are between $35,000 and $40,000.

Inability to command ready cash to tide over a crisis forced the company to the wall.

Sidney E. Davis is named as trustee in the chattel deed.

The list of preferred creditors includes William C. and James C. Jones, $1,040.00; Jefferson Bank, $8,888.68; M. P. Hynson, $6,000; Mrs. Nannie Hynson, $2,900; E. J. Thurman, $916.47; A. W. Gause, $750; R. A. Coonsman, $278.29; Eve W. Cuniff, $385; Miss A. J. Fulton, $100; Norfleet Hill, $350; T. E. Callahan, $600; Victor E. Rhodes, $250; A. P. Bohlinger, $224.75; O. A. Bartholomew, $225; Smith Bros. & Co., $50.74; Chas. Kaiser, $123.21; C. E. Bonnett, $100.

The indebtedness to the Jefferson Bank consists of notes made Sept. 27, 1897, for $1,000; Oct. 25, 1897, for $1,000; Nov. 3, 1897, for $3,000; Nov. 22, for $3,000, and $866.68 overdraft.

A few minutes after the filing of the chattel deed of trust an assignment was made, and R. T. Brownrigg named as assignee.

He will immediately assume charge of the property.

E. J. Thurman, president; A. R. Hynson, vice-president, and M. P. Hynson, secretary and treasurer, composed the company.

"I can't say now whether we shall resume or not," said Mr. A. R. Hynson last night. "Mr. Brownrigg will have to overhaul the books and stock before we can map out any plans. I am informed that our list of preferred creditors represents about three-fourths of the entire indebtedness. We confidently expect the assets to amount to some $3,000 or $5,000 more than the liabilities.

"We were forced to this step by dullness in trade and the encroachments of the department stores in those lines where most profit lay. Then again, larger concerns yielded almost unlimited capital against us, and we couldn't stand the strain."

The business that has just been turned over to an assignee was started in 1851 by A. R. Hynson, Vice-President of the present company. With him was associated William Hall. A hardware, tool and plane manufacturing business was conducted with success on the east side of Third street where the Eads bridge now comes through. The partnership was dissolved at the outbreak of the war, and for two years Mr. Hynson conducted the business alone. Later it was Hynson & Coleman, and continued thus until 1873. Mr. Hynson bought out his partner and in 1891 became associated with his son. In 1893 the present company was organized and the business transferred from 835 North Fourth street to 204 North Sixth street.

Wagner's Comic Opera.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Wagner is writing a comic opera, which he expects to present at Munich in 1898. The composition resembles Humperdinck's, and the libretto is taken from two fairy tales of the time of the Thirty Years' War.

NOT A PARTICLE OF DANGER.

Japan Does Not Want to Dominate Hawaii, Say the Japs.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The views attributed to ex-Secretary Foster in a recent interview in relation to the alleged danger of Japanese domination in Hawaii in the event of the failue of annexation have occasioned much comment among the Japanese officials in this city. The Japanese Minister to-day said it was his opinion that it hardly fair to attempt to draw Japan into the annexation controversy in this manner.

"Every well informed person," said he, "knows that Japan is holding strictly aloof from that controversy, and that her Government has given conclusive proof of the fact that it has no designs, immediate or remote, on the Hawaiian Islands.

"Japanese immigration in Hawaii involves no other question than that of demand and supply. As quickly as the demand for Japanese labor in Hawaii ceases Japanese immigration will end. All that Japan asks for herself and for her people in Hawaii is that rights lawfully acquired and hitherto enjoyed without cavil shall not be arbitrarily withdrawn. She has no purpose of 'doimnating' Hawaii, and the facts clearly indicate that the presence of Japanese laborers in the islands in greater or smaller number is something which depends entirely upon natural causes, notably upon the volition of Hawaiian employers themselves."

DURRANT'S PROPERTY.

His Father Tried to Get Possession of It.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 18.—William A. Durrant, the father of the condemned murderer of Blanche Lamont, called at the District Attorney's office to-day and said that he supposed the police department had no further use for the prisoner's personel effects, which have been in the keeping of the property clerk since April 14, 1895.

Mr. Blair assured him that the District Attorney would certainly not sign such a request until the cases were finally disposed of.

The real motive for Durrant's request was thought to be that Durrant was actuated by one of two motives, to trust to luck in the Blanche Lamont case and remove from sight the dangerous exhibits in case the Minnie Williams case should go to trial; the other to act on the dime museum principle and realize considerable money by auctioning off the young murderer's effects as curios.

THE HIT OF THE SEASON

It Has Been Made in the Matter of Appropriate Xmas Presents.

The giving of presents at Christmas time is an old and pleasant custom, and in observing it care should be taken to select such articles as are of a permanent, and at the same time pleasing, nature—something that will bring back pleasant memories of the giver in years to come. The E. Jaccard Jewelry Co., Sixth and Olive streets, has made the hit of the season in offering to the St. Louis public a line of diamonds, watches, silverware, cut glass and works of art that are incomparable in style and at the same time low in price. They have an absolutely fin de siecle stock of the finest goods that good taste and good judgment could purchase. The time for buying presents is getting short, and seekers after holiday gifts should call early at Sixth and Olive to get the cream of the stock. The store will be kept open every night until Christmas and careful attention will be given to orders for engraving on presents ordered. They are offering a choice line of Xmas cards at prices ranging from 5c to $10, as a special feature.

Dairyman Bowman's Open Purse.

John C. Bowman, President of the Bowman Dairy Co., forwarded a check for $25 to Capt. Joyce of the Fourth Police District Saturday to be used for the benefit of the poor.

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DIED ON THE TRIP.

Rev. D. A. Day, an African Missionary, Passes Away.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Cunard Line steamer Lucania arrived to-day from Liverpool and Queenstown, after a very stormy passage. From the time of leaving Daint's Rock last Sunday morning until her arrival here, the Lucania encountered a succession of very severe gales from northwest to southwest, accompanied by fierce squalls and high head seas, which greatly retarded the vessel's speed, her time of passage being six days, eight hours and forty-eight minutes. There was one death on board in the saloon, during the voyage, Rev. Dr. David A. Day, a missionary of the German Lutheran Synod, who embarked in a critical condition suffering from fever contracted in Africa, where he spent many years. Dr. Day's home is in Chester County, Penn.

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WITH THE PUGILISTS.

PROF. WILLIAM CLARK HAS A LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ON HAND.

RUHLIN AND O'DONNELL COMING

The Local Sports Much Cast Down at the Recent Defeat of Dan Creedon by McCoy.

When the news of Creedon's defeat by McCoy reached all quarters yesterday it created considerable depression.

Creedon has many warm friends in St. Louis. All along they felt as though he was up against it, but they hoped against hope that somehow he would come out on top.

When the climax came they felt pretty blue and on all hands expressions of regret at the defeat of the St. Louis boy were heard.

The first of a series of boxing entertainments to be held this winter in St. Louis will be brought off in the Pastime Club's hall, on Vandeventer avenue, on the night of Thursday, Dec. 30.

They will be under the management of Prof. William Clark, the veteran boxer, and that means that they will amount to something.

At the entertainment on Dec. 30 the piece de resistance will be a four-round bout between Billy Madden's great aspirant for heavy-weight honors, Gus Ruhlin, and Corbett's old sparring partner, Steve O'Donnell.

Madden and Ruhlin are now at Hot Springs and they will come direct from that point to St. Louis.

There will be other set-tos, but the great event will be the meeting between Ruhlin and O'Donnell. Prof. Clark has already secured a permit to give the entertainment from Mayor Ziegenhein and will see that the programme is carried out in a clean and orderly way.

Dan Stuart, who managed the Fitzsimmons-Corbett fight, was at the McCoy-Creedon mill last Friday night, and while there he talked of the prospects of bringing Fitzsimmons and Corbett together again.

"I am going out to Chicago next week to talk it over with Fitz," said the Texas hustler. "I am sure I can get Fitz. The trouble is to get his wife to consent. Martin Julian wants him to fight again, and will do all he can to talk him into it. Corbett is all right, and I feel safe in saying that it will not be many months before the two will be signed again. A few of my particular friends—knockers—who have an ax to grind, have been spreading the information that all I want another fight for is to get the pictures. I guess these same individuals would go after the pictures if they had a chance. If I get the men to sign I'll pull the fight off at a much closer spot than Carson City."

Con Riley, the Middletown heavyweight, says: "I think that McCoy is the greatest fighter that ever lived. I believe the next few years will bear me out in this estimate. I am of the opinion that he will eclipse the records made by Sullivan and Fitzsimmons."

The next fight that McCoy will figure in will probably be one with Joe Choynski. A San Francisco club has already offered a $10,000 purse for a mill between those two, and such an offer is not likely to go begging.

The fearful predicament which Johnny Daly finds himself in is causing any amount of worriment in the Daly family. The Daly boys, Dan, Charley and Johnny, grew up with boxing in St. Louis, and all were noted for their pluck, skill and staying qualities. They were also gentlemen at all times. Johnny, the best natured of the three, a boy brave as a lion, had but one failing, and that is what got him into his present trouble.

Phelim O'Toole, who was in that smash-up with Griffo and who had his skull fractured, is marked for life. Besides the injury to his head he received fearful cuts on the face, which have left several bad scars. His head is still all bandaged up, but his face and head remind one of a man who had been dragged through a threshing machine.

Harry Harris, the clever bantam of Chicago, in a letter to his friend, H. Louis Massie of this city, states that he is in excellent condition for his six-round go with Morris Roach, the fight to take place the night of the Walcott-Tracy mill, under Chas. Davies' management, in conjunction with the Walcott-Tracy go.

Harris says his opponent will weigh in at 107 pounds at 12 o'clock the day of the fight. Harris will weigh about 100 pounds, or a pound less. They will go for a purse for six rounds, winner to take all.

"Kid" Harris stopped Johnnie Whitcraft at Flint, Mich., in the third round Thursday night for a $100 purse. The winner took all. Young Harris weighed 99 pounds at the ring side.

His very clever work made him legions of friends in the Michigan town, and another go between "Kid" Harris and some high-class bantam is on the tapis for a good purse soon in the Michigan sporting town.

Harry Harris will possibly be seen in St. Louis in the near future at some local theater for a week, giving sparring exhibitions with his brother, a bantamweight of no little ability.

Harris states that "Parson" Charles E. Davies' show for the 21st inst. is creating big interest in Windville. Walcott and Tracy are said to be getting in excellent condition in local training quarters close to Chicago, and a red hot engagement between these two aggressive fighters is expected.

An effort will be made to induce Harris to come to St. Louis and try on Frank Noel, the clever St. Louis bantamweight, about the latter part of this month.

H. Louis Massie, the well-known promoter of local pugilistic exhibitions and bicycle races, will give a high class boxing show about Jan. 8, 1898, at the Pastime club-house. All of the best local boxers will appear.

FOOT BALL GOSSIP.

Tommy Cahill Receiving Letters of Congratulation for His Manly Stand.

The trouble between the Shamrocks and Referee Church is liable to be settled to the thorough satisfaction of the Shamrock management.

Church is not to be foisted on them and the game in dispute will be played over again.

Manager Cahill of the Shamrocks has received several letters commending the stand he took in the Church matter, one of these, signed James Callaghan, read as follows:

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—Thomas W. Cahill, Manager Shamrocks: You will please pardon me in intruding into your affairs, but since reading your letter published in to-night's Post-Dispatch relating to last Sunday's foot ball game between your Shamrocks and the Cycling eleven, I can but feel that you have taken the proper stand, as will all lovers of fair play. The treatment accorded your team last Sunday was only a repetition of the same dirty treatment practiced against your team every time they have faced the Cyclers and St. Teresas, particularly the latter. I don't believe Mr. Church really means to give the Shamrocks the worst of it, for I really believe that he is honest, but the fact of the matter is that he is too easily bulldozed by Mr. "Grabby" Monoghan and "Outside Dick" Jarrett, and unless you can present a bold front to these two worthies you had better give it up, so far as the good of the game is concerned. There is no doubt in my mind that your team is the strongest one in the league, with probably one or two exceptions, in regard to the individual makeup of the team. That fact I think is also realized by Monoghan and Jarrett, hence their bulldozing tactics towards the referee. It makes very little difference to them who the referee may be, whether Mr. Church, Brown, Jones et al. They will pursue those same tactics until some one calls them down real hard. Mr. Stump Kavanaugh needs a little calling down, too, by the way. I really believe your intended action will be greatly applauded and indorsed by every lover of that great Irish game, association winter game. Your team has certainly more followers than any of the others, save perhaps the few young rowdies who collect around the field when the Saints play, and these youngsters should be driven from the park instead of being allowed to remain and insult your men whenever one is visible.

Permit me, as an admirer of the Shamrocks, to congratulate you on securing such a treasure as you found in Wilson to assist that great player, McSweeney. I sincerely hope you will be as fortunate in finding another as good a man to help out your other great player on the other side, Billie Erwan, who has won great applause in every game he has so far practiced in this year by his coolness and great science. With a good goal keeper the Shamrocks will leave them all behind. With good wishes to you and the club, I remain one of its ardent admirers,

JAMES CALLAGHAN.

"The above is only one of several letters I have received," said Mr. Cahill, "and they simply go to prove that our recent claim was a just one."

A grand testimonial benefit will be tendered to Mr. P. J. Delehanty on Christmas Day at New Sportsman's Park. On this occasion there will be a double-header played. The first game will be between the St. Teresas, of which "Del" was a member, and the Cappels. The second game will be between the Cycling Club and the Shamrocks. Before Delehanty was stricken down there was not a more popular player on the field, and it is hoped that a large crowd will be present on Christmas Day to help this most worthy cause.

The teams of the St. Louis Foot Ball Association are getting along beautifully and their double-header games on the Christian Brothers campus attract immense crowds every Sunday afternoon. In this league gentlemanly tactics are always adhered to and since the opening of its season there has not been a single quarrel in the association ranks.

The Shamrocks had a grand time at their ball in Ulrig's Cave last night. There was a big attendance and the dancing went on until the small hours of the morning.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION.

A Double Header Scheduled for Sportsman's Park This Afternoon.

The St. Louis Foot Ball Association will play a double-header at Sportsman's Park this afternoon. The first game at 2 o'clock will be between the Shamrocks and Cappels, while at 3 o'clock the St. Teresas and Cyclers will meet for the third time this season. The line-ups will be:

Shamrocks.	Positions.	Cappels.
Riley	Goal	Vein
Recksteiger	Full back	Hayes
Shaugnessy	Full back	Seenor
Milne	Half back	Harding
Hogan	Half back	Nolan
McCarthy	Half back	Orr
Wilde	Forward	Duff
McSweeney	Forward	Finnegan
McKeown	Forward	Dale
Erman	Forward	Robertson
Orr	Forward	Baggot

Second game:

Cycling Club.	Positions.	St. Teresas.
Jarrett (Capt.)	Forward	Robinson
Govier	Forward	H. McNamara
Reed	Forward	F. Kavanaugh
Orrick	Forward	M. McNamara
Kane	Forward	Monaghan (Capt.)
Dalley	Half back	Griffin
Middleton	Half back	Comerford
Hodder	Half back	F. Kavanaugh
Hardy	Full back	Corcoran
Patrick	Full back	Daly
McCormick	Goal	Gulnan

Referee—Irish.

ST. LOUIS FOOT BALL LEAGUE.

Race Sport Promised on the Christian Brothers' Campus This Afternoon.

There will be two great games of foot ball played at the Christian Brothers' campus this afternoon by the teams of the St. Louis Foot Ball League. The first game will be between the Globes and the Lynch Ryes at 2 p. m. The Lynches have strengthened by adding to their eleven McCarthy, who is one of the fastest men in the city. They expect to give the leaders of the League their first defeat. The line up will be:

Globes.	Positions.	Lynch Ryes.
O'Connell	Goal	Guenter
Benelnt	Full back	McCarthy
Cornelius	Full back	Hall
McCormack	Half back	Means
Gallagher	Half back	Walken
Flood	Half back	Dix
Kane	Forward	Turkett
Finn	Forward	Wolken
L. La Barge	Forward	Blankemister
G. La Barge	Forward	Dix
Craven	Forward	Backoff

The second game at 3 p. m. will be between the C. B. Cs. and the Wolfe Tones. The last time these teams met they were unable to score, and after one hour and a half's play it resulted in a tie, 0 to 0. This will be a great battle, as both teams are confident of winning. The line up will be:

C. B. C.	Position.	Wolf Tones.
Macke	Goal	Williamson
Murdock	Full back	Lynch
Kirk	Full back	Winstanley
Osborne	Half back	Moore
Bernero	Half back	McCartney
Dougherty	Half back	Casey
McGee	Forward	Roden
Cudmore	Forward	Lydon
Withers	Forward	Lewis
Hanick	Forward	Sullivan
Bryant	Forward	Kenny

JUNIOR FOOT BALL LEAGUE.

A Great Lot of Games Scheduled by This Organization for To-Day.

The Junior Foot Ball League has scheduled a great lot of games for to-day.

The Shamrocks meet the Rexes at Sportsman's Park at 9 o'clock sharp. The line up will be:

Rexis.	Positions.	Shamrocks.
Guippe	Goal	Leahy
McGoodwin	Full back	McCarthy
Kerr	Full back	McManus
Mulvey	Half back	Noonan
Eggleston	Half back	Reardon
Burke	Half back	McDonald
Ammons	Forward	Heckermeyer
Reader	Forward	Kelly
Kelly	Forward	Backgiupo
Schneider	Forward	McCarthy
Lally	Forward	Fegan

Referee—Hogan.

The Griffins meet the St. Teresas at Sportsman's Park after the first game.

Griffins.	Positions.	St. Teresas.
Furlong	Goal	Harmon
Woods	Full back	Rudert
Geraghty	Full back	Dale
Ross	Half back	McMahon
F	Half back	Flynn
Dowling	Half back	Tighe
Rines	Forward	Flcel
Manahan	Forward	Corcoran
Foley	Forward	Sargent
Noonan	Forward	Sauerbraun
Sullivan	Forward	Collington

Referee—Davis.

The Barrys meet the Monarchs at Twenty-fifth street and St. Louis avenue at 10 o'clock.

Barrys.	Positions.	Monarchs.
Kirwin	Goal	Maull
Noonan	Full back	Sheelin
Barry	Full back	Conroy
Hogan	Half back	Dalton
Maxwell	Half back	Conroy
Sherman	Half back	Cummings
Shea	Forward	Dolphus
Wilcox	Forward	Guhman
Schulte	Forward	Burns
Hayden	Forward	Gorman
Shanahan	Forward	Boston

Referee—McLaughlin.

The Witmers will meet the Thistles at Lindell Park at 10 a. m.

Witmers.	Positions.	Thistles.
Collins	Goal	Horan
Carr	Full back	Green
Fischer	Full back	Bluedorn
McCormack	Half back	McCoyle
Devlin	Half back	T. Dooley
Campbell	Half back	R. Dooley
Breslin	Forward	Lowitz
Rodgers	Forward	Werner
McNamara	Forward	Zembledge
McGrath	Forward	S. Dooley
Nelson	Forward	Woods

Referee—Jarrett.

RETURN THE CUP.

Temple's Request to the Base Ball Magnates.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—W. C. Temple, who presented the noted Temple cup to the National League, to-day received an official communication from Messrs. Young, Byrne and Watkins, a committee appointed to notify Mr. Temple that while the league admired his generosity and interest in the game, the organization had decided after four years' trial that the best interests of the game would be served by the abolition of the cup games. The donor promptly replied that he appreciated the kindness of the committee in considering his desire: "Kindly have the cup boxed up and shipped to me at 5712 Howe street, East End, Pittsburg." This was the concluding sentence in the reply. Mr. Temple is not overly pleased over the league step. There have been many acts of scant appreciation and courtesy on the part of the magnates ever since the valuable prize was accepted. Three weeks ago President Young ignored the committee and wrote Mr. Temple, asking him to present the cup to ornament the league office. Mr. Temple hopes the committee will induce Manager Hanlon to give up the cup at once.

BACK FROM THE COAST.

THE BALTIMORE AND ALL-AMERICAN PLAYERS NOW HOMEWARD BOUND.

OTHER BASE BALL MATTERS.

The Deal for the Sale of the St. Louis Browns to a Local Syndicate Still Hangs Fire.

The base ball players who went West with the Baltimore and All-Americans are now returning home in ones and twos.

Pitcher Rhines of the Cincinnati Club and Pitcher Hastings of the Pittsburgs arrived last night. They were with the All-American team. Said Rhines:

"We came in from the West over the Santa Fe and Wabash routes and had a very pleasant ride from the coast. The tour of the Baltimore and All-American teams was perhaps the most successful on record. We opened at San Francisco to 10,000 persons and the attendance continued good to the end. We disbanded because we were afraid of the racing season. The trip netted each player nearly $400, quite a nice pick-up at this time of year. And beside the money we had our board paid at the best hotels, and all together had a happy time of it. We were the first to strike out for home. But the others are right after us."

Rhines and Hastings continued their journey last night, taking the Big Four to Cincinnati, where Rhines will remain. Hastings will go on from there to his home in Pittsburg.

Chris Von der Ahe has always had the reputation of being a funny man.

But the funniest thing he ever did in his life was to offer his club for sale for $85,000 and then, when the parties went out with the money to buy it to say he wanted $95,000.

This was joking on a huge scale.

The club is for sale now for $95,000, but only an insane man is likely to pay that price for it.

But even if Vondy sold the club for that amount he would get none of the money, as the club owes more than $100,000.

The affairs of the Sportsman's Park and Club, the corporation controlling the St. Louis Browns, are now in fearful shape and they are likely to be wound up at any moment.

The situation at present is simply this: Von der Ahe is willing to sell for $95,000. Parties are ready to pay $85,000.

Neither side is willing to give in an inch to the other, and so the matter rests.

It would be a good thing for St. Louis baseball interests if Von der Ahe would sell, for the men wanting to purchase are all live, wide-awake business men, know the game thoroughly and would in no time give this city a first-class team.

The indoor base ball game at the Coliseum on Wednesday night between the Sporting News and All-Professional teams will be a curtain-raiser to a series of holiday sporting events.

The first game between these cracks was a spirited 15-inning game, the Sports winning in an exciting finish by one run. Considerable feeling developed among the players and on Wednesday night they will hustle hard for victory. The game will be won and lost on its merits, however, as Billy Joyce, the great manager of the New Yorks, will umpire it.

"I'll make them play ball," says Joyce, "and will not stand for kicking or monkeying. My decisions will be given out as I see the plays and you may gamble that they'll go."

Jack O'Connor, Werden, Crooks and other players, who have the reputation of insisting on their rights, declare that while they have confidence in Joyce's judgment and fairness, that "all umpires look alike to them," and that they will not hesitate to question a decision which they do not approve of. All the players have practiced faithfully and Breitenstein, who is in Cincinnati on a visit, will be here for this game.

"With Jack O'Conor to catch me and the Sporting News team behind us, we'll win to a certainty," said Bret in his last letter to Werden. Perry and the other professionals are equally confident of winning. Wednesday night's game will show which is right.

Perry Werden and his great friend, Fred Weigrieffe of Edwardsville, Ill., have just returned from a hunting tour over in Illinois. The Minneapolis managers are hotfoot after Perry and it looks now very much as though he would go to that team. Perry was all broke up over Creedon's defeat. He put his last dollar up on Dan.

THE WESTERN LEAGUE.

An Executive Session of This Organization Held at Chicago Yesterday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Magnates of the Western Base Ball League held an executive session at the Great Northern Hotel today.

Those present at the meeting were: President Ban Johnson, W. F. C. Galt of Indianapolis, T. J. Loftus of Columbus, O., G. A. Vanderbeck of Detroit, M. R. Killilea of Milwaukee, C. A. Comiskey of St. Paul, J. H. Manning of Kansas City and C. H. Saulspaugh of Minneapolis.

Several matters of importance to the league came up at the meeting. The question of awarding the franchise formerly held by Grand Rapids was the most important, and discussion over it lasted until late in the afternoon. It is expected that final action in the matter will be delayed for a day or two.

Several cities want to be represented in the Western League, Omaha and Wheeling, W. Va., both making offers at the meeting, while the claims of Grand Rapids for retention in the league were also put forth.

The delegates also considered the amendment to the national agreement submitted by them to the league at the Philadelphia meeting and later referred back by the National League with an important addition. The latter clause is objectionable to the Western League as it provides that the major organization can get a player from the minor body, hold him thirty days and then return him, if he is found wanting.

It leaked out yesterday that Omaha, Des Moines and Grand Rapids are not the only cities by any means that are seeking the old Grand Rapids franchise. At least three and possibly four other cities have made offers, but President Johnson, beyond admitting the fact, will not divulge the particulars.

It may be possible that after all Chicago may be chosen for the eighth club. Despite countless rumors and counter rumors, it was said on good authority last night that certain of the Western magnates were to attend the meeting to-day with one intention fixed—to vote for Chicago. It is known that President Holt of Indianapolis has such a determination and it is reported that he has confreres who think the same as he.

This looks plausible, for enthusiasts couple the report with Anson's action some time ago in approaching certain of the magnates seeking an entrance into the League. It may develop that plan has been carried out even more fully than has been imagined and that the deal involving Anson has already been virtually closed.

ANSON AND SPALDING.

The Two Return From Their Lightning Trip Across the Water.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Capt. A. C. Anson of the Chicago Base Ball Club and A. G. Spalding, former President of the club, returned from London this morning on the steamship Seale. The ship encountered heavy seas, making the trip rather unpleasant. Just a month ago Mr. Spalding met Mr. Anson in this city and said he was about to make a trip to London. "Come along with me," he added, "and enjoy a little rest." The invitation was accepted and the "old man" was off almost before he knew it. That was on Nov. 17. Two weeks were passed in London and the other two on the sea. The Captain looked unusually well and in fine spirits. He bade Mr. Spaldding and those who had come to meet him good-by at the dock, and announced his intention of starting at once for Chicago.

Anson had heard in London of the alleged plan to depose him from the captaincy of the Chicago Club, but he declined to discuss the matter. He preferred to wait until he reached home and could learn directly what the situation was. He said he had no plans for the future, but beyond that would say nothing on any subject pertaining to base ball.

A. G. Spalding's friendship for and long business association with Anson put him in a position to speak for the time-honored ball player, almost with authority. He said later at his office:

"I think I know pretty well how Anson will feel when his retirement from the management of the Chicago team is presented to him, if it should be. I have been closely associated with him for twenty-two years, and need not repeat what everybody knows about his ability as a base ball player. When he has attempted once or more times within the last three years to keep himself in the background, on the suggestion then that he was nearing an age when he must quit the game, the club dropped downhill rapidly, and the public clamored that he come to the front again. It is the public interest that supports the game, and if the public demands Anson it must be listened to.

"Whether this veteran shall stop in a matter which the club will now discuss and decide. I think I can safely say that Anson will quietly acquiesce in any decision that may be reached. His ten-year contract with the club expires with the present year. He is ready to sign another if asked to, but I think he will not make any fight for it. It was kind of President Freedman to suggest that Anson be made superintendent of umpires. He would fill the position, if it were created, with an ability possessed by no other player, and I think he might accept it if not retained in his present position.

"As to his organizing a club in Chicago for the Western League, I do not think the National League or the present Chicago club would offer any objection, assuming again that he leaves the present club."

'FRISCO RESULTS.

How They Finished at the Golden Gate Yesterday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 18.—Weather clear; track fast.

First race, selling, six furlongs—Alvero 103 (Conley), 15 to 1, first; La Mascotta 103 (H. Martin), 3 to 1, second; Kamsin 103 (McIntyre), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:13½.

Second race, purse, seven furlongs—St. Cataline 115 (Ames), 3 to 1, first; Martha H. 105 (E. Jones), 4 to 1, second; Napamax 110 (Thorpe), 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:27.

Third race, Burlingame stakes, one mile—Bliss Rucker 87 (Clawson), 7 to 10, first; Altemax 105 (Thorpe), coupled with Bliss Rucker, 7 to 10, second; Buckwa 119 (W. Martin), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.

Fourth race, six furlongs, high weight handicap—Shasta Water 122 (Thorpe), 3 to 1, first; McLight 128 (H. Martin), 7 to 1, second; St. Cuthbert 115 (W. Martin), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:14.

Fifth race, hurdle handicap, mile and a quarter—Malo Diablo 123 (Cooper), 20 to 1, first; Our Climate 150 (Owens), 2 to 1, second; Captain Reeses 150 (Houston), 5 to 1, third. Time, 2:19.

Sixth race, selling, six furlongs—Yankee Doodle 110 (W. Martin), 5 to 1, first; Break O'Day 102 (Conley), 7 to 1, second; Midas 105 (Piggott), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:14.

NEW ORLEANS RACES.

Results at the Crescent City Track Yesterday.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 18.—Fine weather and the half holiday increased the racing attendance to-day. The track was fair and the long shots had it all their own way. Nine books drew in and all had a profitable day. Summaries:

First race, six and one-half furlongs—Hibernia Queen, 101 (Southard), 30 to 1, won; Tradition, 104 (Newcom), 50 to 1, second; Glenmoyne, 112 (Nutt), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:26.

Second race, six furlongs—Octave, 105 (Burns), 5 to 1, won; Dinsmore, 108 (Powers), 8 to 1, second; Solution, 105 (Songer), 50 to 1, third. Time, 1:18½.

Third race, selling, one and a quarter miles—Charina, 97 (Burns), 8 to 5, won; Evanatus, 102 (Nutt), 4 to 1, second; Nannie L's Sister, — (Gilmore), 10 to 1, third. Time, 2:15.

Fourth race, six furlongs—Elsie Bramble, 87 (Clay), 40 to 1, won; Sallie Cliquot, 112 (Combs), 6 to 1, second; Gath, 112 (Wilhite), 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:17¾.

Fifth race, selling, six furlongs—Stockholm, 111 (Aker), 8 to 1, won; Brother Fred, 113 (Caywood), 7 to 2, second; Bombardon, 118 (Gatewood), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:13½.

THE COURSING CLUB.

All Arrangements Completed for the Christmas Day Meet.

The South Side Coursing Club has completed all arrangements for its Christmas Day meet at South Side Park.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the club held at the residence of Ben O'Keefe, 2124 Division street, the following gentlemen were elected to take charge of the coursing: Judge, Dan O'Sullivan; Slipper, Ben O'Keefe, Jr.; Slip Steward, Thomas McClure; Field Steward, Ben O'Keefe; Executive Committee, Messrs. Morley, Graham and Menaun.

Entries close and the drawing takes place on December 21 at 8 p. m. at 3701 Kossuth avenue.

The meet will last two days, Dec. 25 and 26, and this will be the first two days' meeting ever attempted in the vicinity.

Sporting Notes.

Next Wednesday the next indoor game.

Ruhlin and O'Donnell will be here Dec. 30.

Paddy Smith, the local pugilist, is in Chicago.

Next Tuesday Walcott and Tracy meet at Chicago.

Prof. Billy Clark is arranging some royal sport for the holidays.

H. Louis Massie is going to give a high-class boxing exhibition in the Pastime Club on Jan. 8.

R. Porter Ashe, the owner of Ruinart, has given a chattel mortgage on that horse for $1,050 to Rudolph Neumann.

There is a hitch in the arrangements for the handicap billiard tournament at Chicago next month and it may not take place.

Bob Kneebs is making arrangements to campaign a stable next season. He will have to confine his operations to the West.

The official statement shows the deficit of the recent Chicago Horse Show to be $31,000—a considerably larger amount than was generally supposed.

Bob Kneebs, although permanently reinstated by the American Trotting Association, will not be allowed to drive on National Association tracks.

Robert G. Allen, who played short stop for Boston last year, has signed a contract to manage the Indianapolis Club in 1898. Allen will play at short.

The Blank Kofekos would like to arrange a game of foot ball with some good team for Christmas morning. For games address A. Thieme, 2217 California avenue.

James J. Corbett, in writing on the sports of 1897, places them in their order of importance as follows: Fugilism, bicycling, base ball, golf, racing, foot ball, rowing, athletics, tennis and yachting.

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THE BUSY BICYCLISTS.

CHIEF CONSUL LUCAS WORKING TO HAVE THE COLISEUM TRACK REINSTATED.

THE SOUTH SIDE CYCLE CLUB.

Its Members Are Now Planning for All Sorts of Fun During the Coming Holiday Time.

Chief Consul H. V. Lucas and Secretary Rosen of the Missouri Division of the League of American Wheelmen are now nicely located in their new offices in the Union Trust Building.

About the most important matter Mr. Lucas has now in hand is the reinstatement of the Coliseum track which was outlawed for permitting the ladies to ride over it.

"I have not heard yet from President Potter on the subject," said Mr. Lucas, "but I have no doubt the track will be reinstated without delay. The owners of it rented the track out to the managers of the lady bicycle races while in ignorance of L. A. W. rules. They have assured us that if reinstated they will live up to the rules of the L. A. W. in the future and that is all I am in favor of demanding of them. I don't know what view President Potter will take of it. I have laid all the facts before him and look for a favorable reply in a day or two."

"General opinion," said an L. A. W. member yesterday, "has it that the interests of the league, which sanctioned the six-day torture contest, have been materially injured by the methods of the short-track management. With two racing officials of the L. A. W. connected with the affair, it is argued that there remains no valid reason why the true state of affairs should not have been made public when the newspapers first exploited the doubts as to the accuracy of the track measurement. If short-track management should break into cycle racing anywhere it is more than likely that Chairman Mott would show righteous indignation and refuse sanctions applied for in the future. What he will do in this case remains to be seen. He certainly ought to inflict punishment of some sort. Meanwhile the short-track management will doubtless continue to blame the builder of the course, and he will retort by saying that he only obeyed orders. A few more affairs of this sort and the League certainly will have good cause to talk about relinquishing the control of cycle racing."

The South Side Cycle Club will give its usual Sunday afternoon entertainment at its club-house to-day. President Grath of this organization announces the following standing committees for 1898: Club Committee—L. A. Fuller, C. R. Miltenberger, W. P. Groth; House Committee—H. L. Jurka, Alf. Stocklin, J. J. Noecker, C. E. Tenscher, Hy Linneweth; Entertainment Committee—C. B. Ricketts, Harry DeHaven, Alex Ludwig, C. L. Parmalee, Alf. Staehlin. The new officers and committees held their first meeting last Friday night.

Hy Linneweth has purchased the nucleus for the club gymnasium consisting of two pair of boxing gloves, three exercisers and and a punching bag. The "gym" will be completed this month and will be opened with appropriate ceremonies.

The annual meeting has been postponed till Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 8 p. m., when every member is urged to be present. President Grath announces that the meeting will be called to order promptly on time.

The next euchre party for members and their lady friends will be given Christmas week, probably Dec. 31. On account of the large attendance members only will be invited.

Capt. Jungh announces the usual midnight run to be held Friday, Dec. 31, at 12 m. in connection with the watch party on that evening. The club's punch bowl will be brought out and refreshments served.

Entries for the pool tournament will positively close Friday, Dec. 21, at 8 p. m. Chairman Ricketts has formulated the rules to govern the contest, which will be submitted to the meeting Tuesday night.

The regular Monday euchre takes place to-morrow evening at 8 p. m. sharp.

There is good ground for the belief that American bicycle manufacturers are about to be confronted with a greatly increased tariff on bicycles entering the ports of the German Empire. The primary cause of the advance is the plea of the German manufacturer that the high tariff of the United States prevents his competing with American-made wheels in American markets. Therefore, as a retaliatory measure he demands a high tariff in Germany on foreign-made wheels. As a matter of fact, the tariff here has practically no influence on the bicycle trade.

A committee of the L. A. W. will meet a committee of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association at Buffalo this month to discuss matters of interest to the two organizations.

Cycle path construction along the lines of country roads will be pushed more vigorously in 1898 than ever before. From the practical experience thus far gained it is shown that the best surface for cycle paths is composed of a thin dressing of crushed sandstone. This material packs easy, forms a smooth, elastic surface, with just enough grit to "bite" the tire and prevent slipping, drains quickly, resists the formation of mud and for ten months in the year supplies an ideal wheelway. It is superior to the cinder surface in that the latter sticks to the rubber tire and is easily picked up and loosened by passing wheels, and in dry weather is blown off and scattered by strong winds. A cycle path should be not less than five feet (better six feet) in its narrowest part.

A bill will be introduced in the New York Legislature at its coming session, providing for the general construction of cycle paths throughout the State. Its provisions will be announced in a later bulletin.

A NEW KIND OF FIGHTER.

He Is Called a "Paper" Weight and Is Supposed to Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—"Parson" Davies, who lost a neat little bet, having taken the Creedon end of the middle-weight fight last night, left to-day for Chicago, in order to be on time for the Walcott-Tracy bout, which will take place in Chicago Monday night. He was accompanied by Tom O'Rourke, Steve Flanagan, Tommy Ryan, Joe Hopkins, Dan Creedon, Tom Tracy and J. Pomeroy.

Flanagan is a paper-weight pugilist from Philadelphia, and will meet Joe Sturch in a preliminary bout which will be a curtain-raiser for the Walcott-Tracy fight.



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JOE MARTIN TO MANAGE.

Arrangement for the Little Rock Race Meet.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 18.—The Little Rock Jockey Club, a member of the Turf Congress, held a meeting to-night and elected the following officers for the coming year:

President, S. M. Apperson; Treasurer, Oscar Davis. Directors—J. H. McCarthy, John M. Gracie, S. M. Apperson, Oscar Davis, H. C. Bateman, P. C. Dooley, E. W. Kimbell.

It was unanimously agreed to hold a spring meeting, which will be under the management of Joseph E. Martin of St. Louis.

The office of secretary will be filled later.

AT THE HOTELS.

R. Runnells and wife of Cincinnati are registered at the St. Nicholas.

G. A. Prentiss and wife, well known society folk of Cleveland, O., are at the St. Nicholas.

Lieut. William C. Neary of the United States Army and his wife are stopping at the St. Nicholas.

C. P. Talbot, merchant of Trenton, Mo., is at the Lindell.

H. C. Moore and wife of Cincinnati are registered at the Lindell.

Abner Johnston, well known business man of Paducah, Ky., is at the Lindell.

Victor M. Reid of Shelbina, Mo., is at the Lindell.

State Senator E. W. Major of Bowling Green, Mo., was mingling with his political friends at the Laclede yesterday.

J. O. Hall, one of the leading merchants of Vinita, I. T., with his wife and daughter, is registered at the Laclede.

J. Craig Smith, leading iron manufacturer of Youngstown, O., is at the Laclede.

Virgil Conkling of Carrollton, Mo., member of the Democratic State Central Committee, is at the Laclede.

Col. Jesse J. Phillips, Chief Justice of Illinois, is at the Southern.

W. F. Cook and wife, prominent in the social life of Nashville, Tenn., are registered at the Southern.

H. C. Widdicombe of Booneville, Mo., is at the Southern.

James Dunn of Topeka, Kan., chief engineer of the Santa Fe Railroad, is at the Southern.

J. W. Zexerly of Jefferson City, special agent of the Interior Department, is at the Southern.

Col. M. W. Taggart of Pine Bluff, Ark., is among the late arrivals at the Southern.

Col. Frank Cooper, politician and prominent stockman of Kansas City, is at the Planters.

Mrs. Frank E. Hay, Mrs. J. W. Moffett and Miss Mary Stewart of Carmi, Ill., well-known society folk of that town, are at the Planters.

C. C. Dickinson of Clinton, Mo., is at the Planters.

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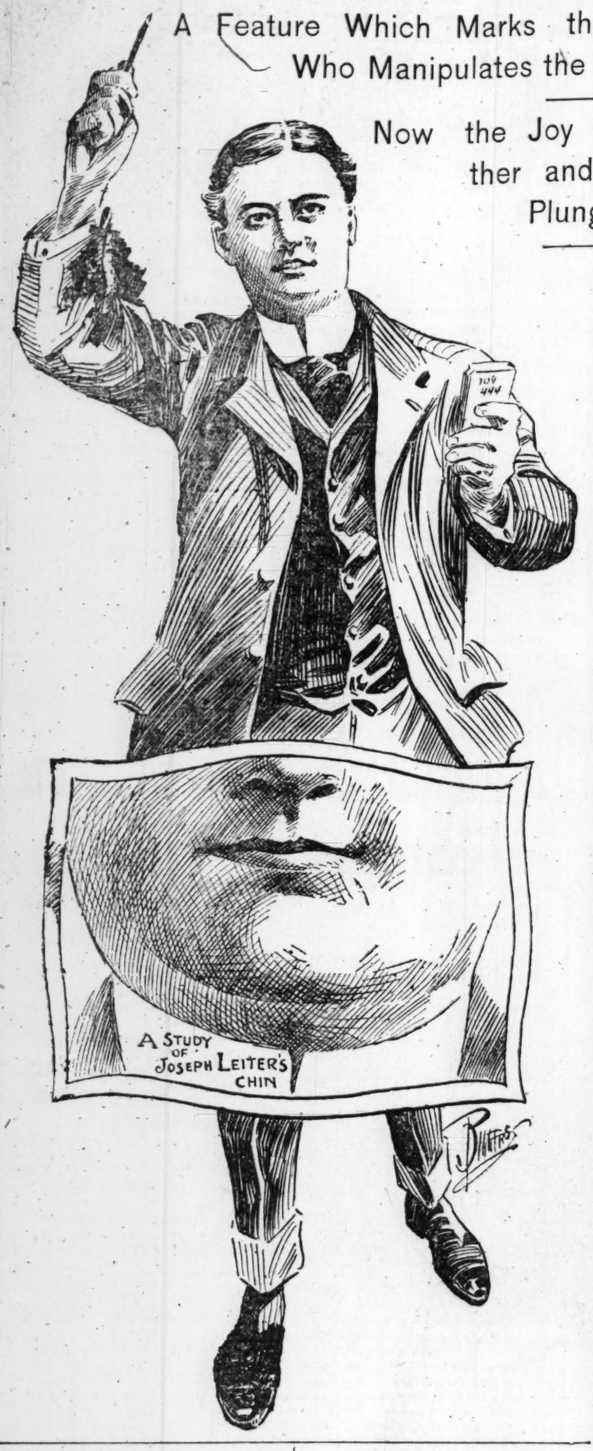
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Men's Covert Cape Coat, Tan	$9.00	$4.00
Men's Covert Box Coat, Gray	$7.00	$3.00
Men's Covert Box Coat, Tan	$8.00	$3.50
Ladies' 1-Cape Tricot, Single Texture	$5.00

LEITER AND HIS WONDERFUL CHIN.

A Feature Which Marks the Pluck of the Man Who Manipulates the World's Wheat.

Now the Joy of His Cautious Father and the Bane of Plunger Armour.



Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18.—When Joseph Leiter was 24 years old he had a college education, $1,000,000 in money and a chin.

The shrewd persons who have learned to make a living off of others took stock of the university degree and the million with glee. They paid no attention whatever to the chin.

To-day Joseph Leiter is 30 years old.

He has a college education plus.

He has control of $30,000,000.

He holds the wheat pit in the hollow of his hand. He is manipulating the crop of the whole country.

He still has the chin.

This beardless younth has become a figure of international prominence. He is one of the most unique and extraordinary developments of American life. The more that is known about him the more interesting he becomes.

When he returned to Chicago after having been graduated from Harvard he was looked upon as a college dude. He hasn't changed his manner or his clothes.

His friends say that his clothes can sing and dance, but they add that he is the kind of a man that can wear orchestra clothes.

He is a trifle over six feet tall, with enormously broad shoulders. He has an arm like a pile-driver. His hair is parted carefully in the middle and it is becoming rather scanty. He lives alone in magnificent style in a splendid mansion. He manages an estate with many diverse interests—an estate of $30,000,000—conducts the most successful corner in wheat known in years, in which he has locked horns with P. D. Armour, and still finds time to drive the finest turnouts in Chicago and to have a good time generally.

"I like rare books, horses, dogs and the human race," said Leiter to-day to the Post-Dispatch correspondent, and that tells a good deal about him.

If you keep this in mind, together with the fact that when he laughs he shakes the windows, and he is always ready to laugh, and that he is the most popular man in Chicago, you will get a very good idea of the man if you read what follows:

When the young man came back from college his father had planned a way of "trying him out." Old Levi Leiter is a very remarkable man. He has a genius for accumulating money. He had passed through a long course of hardship before he arrived at the age of financial discretion. Like all rich men who have made their own money, he had grave fears for his son. He had made money fly at Harvard and he never gave any particular indication that he would amount to much.

The old gentleman didn't take stock of his son's chin.

The senior reasoned in this way: He would give the boy a lump sum to do with as he pleased. If he chose to be a society man, very well. If he elected to go into business and lost the money, and at the same time determined his capacities, it would be cheap at the price.

So the old gentleman called the boy to him one day and gave him $1,000,000, saying he could do as he pleased with it. Joseph thought a moment and asked for more. He really didn't see how he could do much with a mere million.

Whereat his father's ire arose. He harshly told him son that he could get along with the million or come home to live if it wasn't enough. Joseph reflectively caressed that chin of his and remarked that he would take the million.

Of course this became known. The enterprising promoters and men with investments trembled for a time. They feared that he might not go into business. But he did.

For a time Joseph was amazed at the goodness and disinterestedness of mankind. People flocked to his office. There wasn't a gold brick in Chicago that wasn't offered to him. And he bought them in plenty. Many a bank account was fattened at his expense. Now and then he plunged, and he never saw the bottom of the hole into which he threw his money. The banks had come to the conclusion that it would be an act of charity to send to Washington for his father to take the youngster in out of the wet.

A few hundred thousands of young Leiter's money was in street railway stocks and bonds. He didn't lose these. When he reached a point where ruin stared him in the face he caressed his chin more solicitously than ever. He realized that he must know a few things if he wanted to keep in the procession.

This brings the history of Joe Leiter and his chin up to the wheat deal. When he tackled the wheat pit the old traders grinned.

The wheat crowd has long been anxious to get a whack at the Leiter millions, but the old man had always refused to play the game. Mr. Armour prepared to go into the deal with both feet. His first preparation was to take $2,000,000 in cash from the bank he practically owns and place it in a safe deposit vault. He wanted to give Mr. Leiter a really good time.

The more Mr. Armour wanted to sell the more Mr. Leiter wanted to buy. It began to look as if Mr. Armour owned all the wheat in the world and that Mr. Leiter had the contract to supply the peoples of the earth with breadstuffs.

Mr. Armour called his wheat capital into play. Mr. Leiter sent for his father, who was in Europe. The senior hurried home. He found that his son did not want advice, but he did want permission to draw upon the capital of the vast estate, to the last cent if necessary.

It isn't on record what the old gentleman said or did. But it is whispered about that he was struck absolutely dumb by the audacity of the request, and that when he recovered he expressed a regret that he was no longer able to take the boy across his knee. The youth scratched that wonderful chin while waiting for the ebullition to pass. Then he suggested that his father take a chair and they would talk it over.

Joseph sent for George R. French, a beardless young operator who can put a sack of flour on his shoulder as easily as a man can handle his first baby and a great deal less awkwardly. He isn't quite as tall as Joseph, but he has the same kind of a chin and his head is chock full of brains. French is the commission man who has been handling the deal in the pit.

Joseph and French pulled off their coats and went for the shrewd old financier. They drew a map of the situation. They showed how they had made $500,000 off the Armour crowd the month before. They had a mathematical diagram which showed the exact relation of their hand to the Armour bank account. The whole scheme was plain as day. There was a certainty of $4,000,000 in sight for four months' work.

The old gentleman communed with himself for five minutes, while Joseph whistled a college tune and talked about the horse show. Then the father announced that he was wrong when he suggested spanking Joseph. He ought to take off his hat to him. The boy was right. The father even went so far as to say that he wouldn't mind taking a little bunch of December wheat on his own account.

There was a warm time in the pit the following day.

The Armour crowd began to squirm. They sought for other dodges. The greenhorn had foreseen them all and checked them. The game had to be played fair. In the whole deal there has not been a trick or the suggestion of unfair treatment, that has characterized other corners in the Chicago pit. Leiter will do nothing underhand himself and he will not permit the others to practice questionable schemes.

As the deal stands now Leiter has a line of 10,000,000 bushels of wheat at the very lowest estimate and Armour is trying to deliver it to him at prices made all along since last summer. Armour feels that he is in danger. He has announced that he will break the corner. He has called all his free capital into play. And Leiter only laughs. He is ready for any emergency.

You may think that a man of 30, even if he has a chin that sticks out at least an inch, would find this corner a pretty heavy burden. But he never neglects the smallest details of business connected with the estate.

Mr. Leiter is disinclined to take himself seriously—neither is any one else who knows him. He is the most popular man in Chicago, and the town will join in that chorus without exception. He lives in a magnificent house in Tower Court, the only occupent of the mansion, with a retinue of servants and a valet.

He is in his office every day in the week from 9 in the morning until luncheon time, and in the afternoon from 3 to 5. He almost invariably dines at home, alone oftener than with any one.

"There has been no ill-feeling in this wheat deal," he said, as he walked to the door with the departing visitor. "It was a plain business proposition with me. I figured that wheat in December would be worth more than a dollar away back in July and I simply bought all I could. It has been a fair trade. The men who thought differently from me saw their mistake when it was too late. All they have to do now is to walk up and settle."

TAKES 1,250,000 MORE.

Leiter Is Reaching Out for All the Wheat He Can Get.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18.—Despite predictions that this would be a day full of surprises on the Board of Trade, the bull clique, headed by Joseph Leiter, had smooth sailing apparently and seemed to have proved itself capable of doing what it promised. It took the 1,000,000 or more bushels of wheat delivered to it yesterday, and to-day the deliveries amounted to 1,250,000 bushels more. But the price held firm. The promised storm to-day was predicted because Armour had begun unloading some of his enormous holdings yesterday. It was feared there would be a tremendous rush to-day to dump all the wheat in Chicago into the lap of the syndicate. But the result proved this prophecy wrong.

With the 1,250,000 bushels delivered to-day the Leiter crowd have 3,000,000 bushels of wheat in their possession acquired this week. How much more the syndicate has bought "long" is not known, but it may be as much as 8,000,000 or 9,000,000 bushels. The amount, however, is probably only 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 at the outside.

As December draws to a close it grows more and more probable the Leiter clique meant what it said when it announced that it wanted the wheat and was not in the market for the purpose of cornering the cereal.

It appears now that Joseph Leiter and those with him in this deal have arranged for all the money they need to pay for the enormous lot of wheat that will be delivered to them in all probability.

It is said that at least six million dollars was on deposit in various banks in this city to the credit of the December wheat clique for the purpose of paying for the wheat to be delivered to them.

USEFUL XMAS PRESENTS.

Peterson & Homes Have Solved a Knotty Question.

The selection of presents for Christmas—presents that will please—is a difficult task. The average person is lost when the attempt begins. Peterson & Homes of 406 and 408 North Broadway, the china and glassware dealers, have solved the problem. They are offering a choice line of most suitable presents at the lowest possible prices. In this line is included fine china, crockery ware, bric-a-brac, table and household decorative goods, etc. No present would be more welcome to married friends, to a mother or a wife than a fine dinner or tea set.

For presents for lady friends they have fancy bric-a-brac and delicate china. For the home they also offer fine table cutlery, dining-room and kitchen utensils, chafing dishes, chamber sets in all styles and a host of other articles appropriate for presents for loved ones. Their big store will be open every night until Christmas.

"Kortkamp's—Established 1849—Almost 50 years of honest trading—Your patronage our reward."

LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS.



Ladies' Exquisite 14k. Gold-filled Jeweled Elgin or Waltham Watches, positively a gem of the jeweler's art—warranted for 20 years. Only **$12**

Come quickly and select your Christmas Gift for your "loved one." We've got it for you. But this is the "Last Call." We will be entirely too busy to talk to you in the Post-Dispatch next week—so heed our warning and come now.

1000 Beautiful Presents

Are here in our store. You don't have to pay big prices, either. We will sell you cheaper than all others. Our goods are beautiful.

WE GIVE YOU THE VERY BEST.



Ladies' elegant and handsomely engraved Elgin or Waltham Jeweled Case, Klondike finish. Only **$10**

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Solid Gold Cameo Rings, **$5.**



Genuine Diamond Rings, **$12.**



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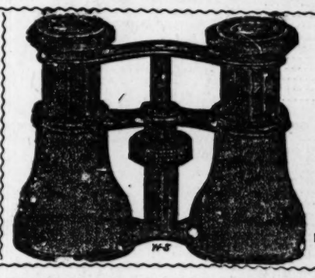
Solid Initial Gold Rings,
Plain..... $3.75
Plain, Heavy.... $5.00
Six-Diamond. $8.00



CHAIN BRACELETS make popular presents. See styles.
Silver..... $1.00 up
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LOWEST PRICES IN ST. LOUIS —FOR— STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES

Manicure Scissors	$1.00 Up
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Nail Files	35c Up
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Shaving Mugs	$2.50 Up
Pocket-Books	$1.00 Up
Match Boxes	$1.50 Up
Ladies' Garters	$1.50 Up
Manicure Set, 3 pieces	75c Up
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Great Reduction in Opera Glasses, **$4.50** UP. Big Assortment—All Styles.

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Diamond Rings	$5.00 Up
Diamond Studs	$5.00 Up
Diamond Lockets	$4.00 Up
Diamond Cuff Buttons	$5.00 Up
Diamond Scarf Pins	$5.00 Up
Diamond Ear Rings	$5.00 Up
Diamond Pendants	$5.00 Up
Diamond Charms	$5.00 Up
Diamond Watches	$22.50 Up

SOLID SILVER SPOONS——SPECIAL SALE THIS WEEK

We bought 150 sets Solid Silver Tea and Table Spoons, and as a Special Xmas Inducement we will sell them lower than ever sold before.

Handsome Teaspoons, **$3.50** a set
Handsome Tablespoons, **$10.00** a set

Christmas Gifts Galore! Silver and Gold Novelties, Clocks and Silverware, Diamonds and Watches, Umbrellas and Canes.

Open Evenings Till 9 P. M. During Holidays.

Selections Laid Aside Till Xmas.

E. H. KORTKAMP JEWELRY CO., Opposite Grand-Leader. Next to Siegel-Hillman's.

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RANSOM POST CELEBRATION.

Grand Army Vets and Their Fair Friends Make Merry.

Ransom Post, G. A. R., celebrated its fourteenth anniversary and camp fire at the Southern Hotel last night. A dinner of ten courses was served in the main dining-room, and there were about 350 ladies and gentlemen present. Excellent music was discoursed during the evening, and the Post never had a more joyous reunion.

The guests began to gather at 8:30 o'clock, and the main parlors were soon filled with fashionably dressed matrons and maids, and scarred and grizzled veterans. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made, until 9 o'clock, when Commander William G. Hills announced that the camp fire would begin.

The guest of honor and orator of the occasion was Hon. James J. Phillips, Chief Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court, who with Commander Hills led the way to the banquet hall.

It was past 10 o'clock when the last course of the menu was served and Commander Hills rose to deliver a brief but hearty address of welcome. This was followed by "Ransom's Greeting" by the Ransom Howlers.

"Chief Justice Phillips was then introduced and made an eloquent address, which was frequently interrupted by cheers and applause.

Rev. Dr. Jesse Bowman Young, editor of the Central Christian Advocate, was the next speaker, and charmed his listeners with a patriotic address.

Judge S. D. Thompson followed Dr. Young in a brief speech full of humor and wit, on "Matters and Things," and the reunion closed by the Ransom Howlers singing "Tenting To-Night."

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

A Long List of Ministers, Consuls and Other Officers Sent to Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The Senate to-day confirmed these nominations:

Ethan A. Hitchcock of Missouri, to be Minister to Russia.

Archibald J. Sampson of Arizona, Minister to Ecuador.

William R. Finch of Wisconsin, Minister to Paraguay and Uruguay.

Laurits S. Swenson of Minnesota, Minister to Denmark.

George H. Bridgman of New Jersey, Minister to Bolivia.

W. Godfrey Hunter of Kentucky, Minister to Guatemala and Honduras.

To be Consuls: Luther W. Osborn of Nebraska, at Apia; John L. Bittinger of Missouri, at Montreal; Eugene Seeger at Rio Janeiro, Brazil; James T. Dubois of Pennsylvania, at St. Gall, Switzerland; William R. Holloway of Indiana, at St. Petersburg, Russia; Frank C. Partridge of Vermont, at Tangier, Morocco; Frank M. Brundage of Pennsylvania, at La Chappelle, Germany; Irwin Shaw of Pennsylvania, at Barranquilla, Colombia; Daniel Mayer of West Virginia, at Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic; Chester W. Martin of Michigan, at Amherstburg, Ontario; Charles Monteith of Idaho, at Chatham, Ontario; William Mills of Texas, at Chihuahua, Mexico; C. P. Snyder of West Virginia, at Ciudad Perfirio Diaz, Mexico; John A. Barnes of Illinois, at Cologne, Germany; J. C. Ingersoll of Illinois, at Copenhagen; Julian Phelps of Iowa, at Crefeld, Germany; Edward C. Cramer of Wisconsin, at Florence, Italy; H. S. Culver of Ohio, at London, Ontario; J. I. Brittain of Ohio, at Nantes, France; Charles B. Harris of Indiana, at Bagasaki, Japan; J. F. Isarnell of Indiana, at Nogales, Mexico; Augustus G. Seyfert of Pennsylvania, at Stratford, Ontario; Mifflin W. Gibbs of Arkansas, at Tamatave, Madagascar; A. B. Jones of Alabama, at Tuxpan, Mexico; Alvin Smith of Ohio, at Trinidad, West Indies; J. T. Hoke of West Virginia, at Windsor, N. S.; R. P. Skinner of Ohio, at Marseilles, France; Frank W. Mahin of Iowa, at Reichenberg, Bohemia.

William W. Thomas, Jr., of Maine, Minister to Sweden and Norway; Nathan B. Scott of West Virginia, Commissioner of Internal Revenue; William Penn Nixon, Collector of Customs, District of Chicago; William P. Williams, Assistant Treasurer, Chicago; John C. Ames, Marshal of the United States, Northern District of Illinois; J. S. Spear, Jr., Surveyor of Customs, San Francisco; John H. Walkenhorst, Appraiser of Merchandise, Port of St. Louis.

John Peterson, Collector of Customs, District of Minnesota; Richard Iebert, Surveyor General of Colorado.

To be Indian Agents: Harlan C. Baird of Nebraska, at Santee Agency; W. H. Smead of Montana, at Flathead, Indian Agency; Thomas P. Fuller of Montana, at Blackfoot, Indian Agency; J. C. Clifford of Montana, at Tongue River.

Sam Gordon, register of the Land Office at Miles City, Mont.; Joseph M. Rhoades, Receiver Public Moneys, at Miles City, Mont.

Also several promotions in the navy.

Mr. William P. Williams, appointed Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago, had the support of Secretary Gage in his candidacy, and also of all the bankers of Chicago. He is secretary of the Union League Club and was an original supporter of Maj. McKinley. Hon. William Penn Nixon has been identified with the Inter-Ocean as editor and part owner for many years, running back 1880, when he was a staunch supporter of Gen. Grant for the third term nomination. There were no opposing candidates for the office. Senator Cullom asked for the appointment of Mr. Nixon soon after the election of President McKinley.

SKELETON KEY WORTH $300

It Unlocked Student McClinton's Sleeping Room.

W. W. McClinton, a student at the Barnes Medical College, living at 2625 Olive street, is mourning the loss of $300 worth of clothing and jewelry stolen from his room by a sneak thief Friday. Skeleton keys unlocked his door.

KILLED HIS BROTHER.

Kentucky Tragedy Growing Out of an Old Quarrel.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

DANVILLE, Ky., Dec. 18.—John Alstom, oldest son of J. F. Alstom of Powers, a small town in Casey County, this afternoon shot and killed his brother, Claude, in a fight, which grew out of an old quarrel. John Alston is a man of family, while Claude was about 20. Their father is one of the wealthiest men in his county.

Through Tourist Service.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18.—The Baltimore & Ohio has decided to inaugurate a through tourist car service from New York to the Pacific coast. The car will go by way of Washington, Parkersburg and Cincinnati, reaching St. Louis Wednesday evening and El Paso, Tex., Friday evening. It will reach San Francisco on Sunday morning. The east-bound car will leave San Francisco every Monday evening.

WASHINGTON HESING.

SUDDEN DEATH FROM HEART DISEASE OF A WELL-KNOWN CHICAGO PUBLIC MAN.

RAN A GERMAN NEWSPAPER.

Was Prominent in Political Circles and Was Postmaster of Chicago Under Cleveland.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18.—Washington Hesing, proprietor of the Illinois Staats-Zeitung, one of the leading German papers of the Northwest, and Postmaster of Chicago during the last term of President Cleveland, died suddenly this afternoon of heart disease at his home on Michigan avenue. Mr. Hesing had been ill for several days with a severe cold, but was thought to be rapidly recovering, and his death was a heavy shock to his family and friends. During the afternoon he was down town and attended to several business matters, returning to his residence shortly after 3 o'clock. Mrs. Hesing at the time was out shopping, and the last person who spoke to Mr. Hesing was a servant girl whom he met in the hallway on the way to his room.

A few minutes after 4 o'clock the girl went to Mr. Hesing's room on an errand and when she entered he was half sitting, half reclining on a sofa, with his head supported by his hands. He was breathing heavily, but there was nothing unusual in his appearance and the girl, supposing him to be asleep, went out as softly as possible in order to avoid disturbing him. From that time until 5 o'clock, when Mrs. Hesing returned, he was alone in the room. His wife noticed at once upon entering the room that he was very ill and quickly summoned assistance, but by the time medical aid was at hand, Mr. Hesing was dead. The physicians declared that he had died of heart disease and said that in all probability they could not have saved him had they reached him before life was extinct.

Six years ago Mr. Hesing was troubled by the action of his heart and physicians warned him that he must be careful to avoid all excitement and vigorous exercise. But being, to all appearances, a man of robust health and great physical strength, he laughed at their advice and made no change in his habits of life.

Boehmer's

Will be open every night this week until 9 o'clock—Friday night until 10:30—to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

You will find the largest assortment of

Christmas Shoes and Slippers

And the lowest prices consistent with High-Grade Footwear at

G. H. BOEHMER'S

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Wedding and Party Footwear a Specialty.

FRENCH DOLLS AT HALF PRICE.

It surely is not worth while to buy Dolls of cheap make when you can buy Fine French Dolls, the real thing, at Half-Price. We are closing them out before removal. Every doll must be sold and prices are being made to sell them quick. These beautiful dolls have

NATURAL HUMAN HAIR WIGS,

Instead of the Angora hair generally used. We sell Human Hair Doll Wigs at 75c to $2.50, worth $1.50 to $5.00; switches, $1.00 each, worth $3, $4 and $5. Imperial Hair Regenerator, $1.00 per box.

F. DE DONATO, 314 N. Broadway.

EACH GUEST WORE HOLLY.

There Were Roses and Twelve Peaches at This Novel Banquet.

The prettiest and most novel entertainment given in some time was the dinner at the Cafe Caesar, on Sixth street, last evening.

The host was a well-known light goods manufacturer, and his guests were twelve of the most prominent business men in St. Louis. The celebration was in honor of his birthday.

Caesar's wine cellar was transformed into a bower of beauty. It was covered with canvas, and from every square inch of cloth a big American Beauty rose was hung. Around the roses were mistletoe and holly. Each guest was decorated with holly. A string orchestra and a negro quartette alternated in furnishing the music. The table was a beauty, and the supper consisted of twelve courses.

When the guests left they congratulated Mr. Caesar almost as warmly as they did the host. Those twelve merchants had the time of their life, and that time was not over with early in the morning.

OUR ALMOST PROTECTOR

Is What the Spanish-Cuban Organ Calls McKinley.

MADRID, Dec. 18.—The Imparcial, in an article on the United States Congress, says:

"After the insults and calumnies against Spain, our almost protector and friend, McKinley, is going to send a squadron to the Gulf of Mexico, a measure never so unnecessary as now, since Cuba has a Captain-General whose policy is just and humane. Spain has just made great concessions to Cuba. This is because the Yankees are seeking to justify the policy of the insurgents, who base their hopes on the intervention of their friends.

"The sending of this squadron will revivify their hopes and cause a continuation of the struggle. The intervention of the United States will be a monstrous act of cynicism. Those who kept silence in the presence of the German cruisers in Hayti do not dare to risk the disapprobation of Europe.

"We know the means which will foil the tricks of the Yankees," continues the Imparcial. "These means are the great wisdom of Spain, the great loyalty of the island, the grand activity in our arsenals and the great energy of the Government. It is unnecessary to mention the patriotism of Spain."

The Plotter Found.

BARCELONA, Dec. 18.—An individual named Murochato, who hired the man recently found tied hand and foot in a ditch, near Saragossa, disguised as a woman, to kill Gen. Weyler, has been arrested. His two accomplices are being sought for by the police.

Fine Residence Burned.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CARTHAGE, Mo., Dec. 18.—The large country home of Wm. M. Collings, twelve miles northwest of Cartage, was burned to the ground at noon to-day. The fire started from a defective flue. A portion of the household furniture was saved. The house cost $5,000 a few years ago. There was only $1,500 insurance.

Section Men Strike.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

RAMSEY, Ill., Dec. 18.—A strike was inaugurated here to-day by the Clover Leaf section men, whose wages were cut to 8 cents a day. They refused to work and sent in a manifesto signed by several business men to the roadmaster.

Mrs. Fannie White Dead.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Fannie White, aged about fifty, wife of the late Green White, an old-time citizen of Pine Bluff, died this afternoon at her home on West Fourth street. She was a sister of Capt. J. F. Ritchie of Little Rock and John Ritchie of Camden.

A Useful and Appropriate Christmas Present.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen



Makes its mark all around the World

The Waterman Ideal Fountain Pen is and always has been ready, and writes continuously without shaking, therefore it has made its mark all around the World—and not an uncertain mark either.

Shall It Make Your Mark?

Shall it mark in remembrance of you as your

Holiday Gift to Him or Her?

Your money back if you want it.

Made in plain gold mounted, solid silver and gold designs, at prices according to their value. It is positively the best writing instrument of the age, and is sold entirely on its merits, and guaranteed absolutely.

Ask Your Dealer or send for a catalogue.

L. E. Waterman Co.,
155 and 157 Broadway, New York.
Largest Fountain Pen Manufacturers in the World.



HE REMAINED.
"When I saw you in Sing Sing," said the visitor, "you went by the name of Sam Swipes. Do you go by that name still?"
"No," said the prisoner, sadly, "that is my name but I don't go at all."

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

SUNDAY COMIC WEEKLY.



DEBILITATING IN THE WILD WEST.
I see a French physician says talking much is conducive to longevity."
"Well, that depends on what one says, and in what section of the country he does his talking."

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DISS DEBAR SPOOK PICTURE GHOST EARNS A LIVING ON THE BOWERY.

DIME MUSEUM

GRANITE & CO HEADSTONES

THE GHOST THAT CHASES CHILDREN MADE TO "CHASE THE GROWLER"

THE GRAVEYARD SPOOK CAPTURED AND PUT TO WORK

BELL RINGING GHOSTS EMPLOYED LIKE THIS

I'M SO HUNGRY

NO TRUST

SLATE

THE SLATE WRITING SPIRIT EMPLOYED AS A SCORE KEEPER

FISH

THE MUSICAL PHANTOM AT SEANCES

VACANT HOUSE SPIRIT EARNING HIS RENT

H. ARDNOT & CO BOAT AND SAILORS SUPPLIES.

THE GHOST THAT UNTIES ROPE-BOUND MEDIUMS GETS A CONGENIAL JOB.

THE NOISY GHOST PRESSED INTO SERVICE BY THE SALVATION ARMY

THE ACTOR'S WALKING GHOST MADE TO TURN A TREADMILL.

SALARY MACHINE

"WORKING OVER TIME"

"YOU DONT STAND A GHOST OF A CHANCE"

PRIVATE

WHITE HOUSE

OFFICE SEEKER

THE WHITE HOUSE GHOST PUT TO RECEIVING OFFICE SEEKERS

WHAT USE ARE GHOSTS, ANYWAY? WHY NOT CATCH THEM AND MAKE THEM WORK?

IRISTMAS TALES.

little late to offer to our readers plots for as stories, but any writer of real genius it dead easy to pad and draw any of these into stories of from ten to twenty thouords each. The first plot is absolutely with us, and although we have had it hted our readers who are also authors may ree of charge.

First Plot.

er and son have a deadly scrap: "Go; you son of mine! I disown and disinherit you!" ornful, but goes to escape angry father's Entire remainder of family forbidden to son's name. Plate set on table for son by ther; also light in the window. Father a clam. Years and years pass. No news n. Plate still on table. Mother weeps all Father and mother growing old. Mortthe farm. Christmas eve. Wind howls flies. No turkey in house, and wife says truck botttom in the flour barrel. Father er seated before the fire. Rap at door. heart leaps. Father turns pale. Bearded comes in. "Don't you know me, father?" !" "Am I forgiven, father?" Son puts around father and one around mother. "I ich man!" "My noble boy!" Mortgage . Mother and father have every luxury in desire. Finis.

Second Plot.

g and defiant daughter driven from the e by harsh father."
e no child!"
erased from family Bible.
pass.
ears pass.
ter does not write or come home.
r and mother go to the city for the first

girl says: "Oh, please buy a paper of me!" girl has a cross-eye and red hair.
way daughter had cross-eye and red hair. husband, it is our Elizabeth Jane as she en she was a child!"
t is your name, little girl?"
y Ann Eliza, ma'am. I was named for my a, who I never saw."
dy all but faints.
name is Mary Ann Eliza."
t is your mother's name?"
beth Jane."
us to her."
oom on the tenth floor of an old tenese.
d emaciated woman on ragged old straw on floor.
, no food, no nothing. Not even a pair tongs. Snow drifting in at one broken Four little children besides Mary Ann

r! Father!"
ee—ild!"
er swoons.
goes out for food and fuel.
daughter, now a widow, goes home with Grandpa has child on each knee. also has child in her lap. Christmas Day m.
st is forgiven and forgotten.

Third Plot.

maid sisters (or old bachelor brothers ave not spoken to each other for years. same house.
elled over property when parents died. ned the same brindle calf and Shanghai

d rooster dead for years but quarrel

as time at hand.
child of sister's dead brother comes on West to live with old maid aunts.
my Aunty Marg'wet?"
my Aunty Manthy?"
weep.
doin to eat oo Twismas dinner alone, rg-wet?"
t's lip quivers as she says yes.
doin to eat oo Twismas dinner alone, n?"
lip quivers as she says yes.
o lub each other?"
ild leads Aunty Nancy to Aunty Marle.
e reconciliation.

HER METHOD.

Uncle Bob—Yes, my wife allus b'lieved in tyin' a string to her finger to remember things.

Uncle Bill—She has one on her finger most of the time, I notice.

Uncle Bob—Yes, 'ceptin' when she has somethin' very partikler to remember. Then she leaves off the string, an' when it ain't there she remembers why.

VERY BAD.

"Is he as crooked as they say?"

"Crooked?" Why, there is nothing straight about him except the whiskey he drinks."

APPEARANCES OFTEN DECEPTIVE.

An item appeared in the Deadgulch News not long ago to the effect that on the previous evening, during a stampede that took place during the opposition party's political meeting, Col. Fireat, their candidate for Mayor, had fainted.

The next day the Deadgulch News came out with the following editorial in large type:

"The News finds after looking into the matter and Col. Fireat's six-shooting Colt's revolver that they were mistaken regarding the Colonel fainting at the opposition party's meeting, as recorded yesterday. Appearances are often deceptive, and we certainly did see the Colonel fall.

"But the Colonel did not faint. The News begs to correct this statement of yesterday and inform its many readers this was not so. The Colonel did not faint; he was merely drunk!"

A CHRISTMAS EVE ELOPEMENT;

OR

HOW A 'POSSUM HELD THE FATHER IN CHECK.



MEEK AND LOWLY.

I had long suspected that I had lost my way, and when the narrow winding trail that I was following came to an end in a clump of blue gums I was sure of it.

There was a shanty among the trees, and in response to my hail an old woman appeared in the doorway and cordially exclaimed:

"How'd, stranger, climb down an' hev a bite!"

I explained that I had lost my way and only desired to be directed to the right road.

After she had set me right she leaned confidentially against my saddle and said:

"Stranger, I wish thet ye would do me a favor."

I gallantly replied that it always gave me pleasure to do a lady a favor.

"Wul, do ye see thet thar critter over thar?"

I did, although I had previously overlooked him. He was leaning against the trunk of a blue gum with his hands meekly folded in his lap, and appeared to be gazing into vacancy.

"Stranger, thet is my ole man, an' we've bin married fer over forty years, an' up ter last month we enjoyed all the bliss of married life. We've fit and fout, an' fout and fit, an' the outcome of them fouts were always in doubt up ter the last minute. But I'll say right yere thet when the smoke of them yere battles cleared away the ole woman wuz always on top. I always reckoned thet I would go ter my grave in a peaceful state of mind, but hit looks now as though I wuz goin' ter be plum disappinted; an' jes' because thet lowdown ornery critter pretended ter git religion an' commenced playin' the meek an' lowly dodge. If I swat him with the broom-handle he sighs an' rolls his eyes an' says: 'Now, hit me with the axehelve, Lizer Jane.' The fact is, thet he wuz a licked man before he pretended ter git religion, an' he knew hit, an' this yere religious racket is only a scheme of his ter git out of takin' his medicine like a man. But what is a poor lone woman goin' ter do? If I swat him in the eye he says: 'Now smack me on the snoot, Lizer Jane.' Ye can't hit a man when he's down, an' this yere meek and lowly bizness is breakin' me all up.

"Now what I want yer ter do, stranger, is ter lean over and smack me good an' hard right on my lips, an 'maybe thet will rouse thet thar critter up an' he will rush up an' swat ye on the snoot, an' then I will git mad an' rush in, an' then maybe he will fergit all about this meek and lowly dodge, an' we will hev a beautiful fout!"

I declined as politely as I could and rode on, but as I reached a bend in the road I glanced back.

The old woman was emptying the contents of a washboiler over the old man, and out of the torrent came a meek voice:

"Now turn the hose on me, Lizer Jane."

THE MAIN POINT.

Josh Medders—I hear that Bill Whoopler got on a terrible bender in Ruralville last Saturday.

Jay Green—Yes, siree! You never seen a feller carry on so! He wandered in everywhere he could get in, an' whooped an' yelled an' raised Ned generally. Had four or five fights, an' got his Sunday clothes ruined, an' his head split open, an' his nose put out of joint, an' lost all his money, an' was kicked downstairs a couple of times, an' got run over by an ox team, an' was flung into jail an' fined, an' had to send for his uncle, the Deacon, to pay him out. His uncle, who is a rabid Prohibitionist, paid his fine but disowned him on the spot, an' the girl he was engaged to marry found out about his actions an' threw him over, an' the whole escapade got written up in the papers, an' he is lame all over an' as sick as a dog yet!

"I s'pose he feels a good deal of regret about it?"

"Well, yes, in a certain way. He was so allfired drunk that he don't remember much that occurred except to dimly recall that some feller, some time durin' the hooraw, called him a 'rubbernecked son-of-a-gun.' But for the life of him he can't recollect who it was, an' it hurts his feelin's to think that he was insulted an' don't know who to try to git even with."

THE USUAL WAY.

Josh Medders—I thought you was learnin' to ride a bicycle?

Jay Green—Aw, I started to, but I ran into everything except the middle of the road, an' sat down on everything in the neighborhood but the saddle, an' so I gave it up in disgust an' traded the blamed machine off.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PEDDLERS.



To ensure a crowd hang a papier-mache safe from a window near your stand. These papier-mache safes have been patented and will be placed on sale shortly.

IE DRAMA IN POLITICS.



arkhurst—Alas, poor New Yorick!

SECURING A CAPABLE MAN.

When Bill Watson—ex-stage-coach robber, ex-gambler and ex-saloon-keeper—opened up a bank at Gold Creek, about fifty men became applicants for positions. Mr. Watson announced, however, that he would only see one applicant at a time, and ordered them to fall in line and take turns coming in. Prairie Pete happened to head the crowd, and as he entered the banker's private office the latter came down to business at once and said:

"Now, Pete, thar's only one job yere that hain't filled—that of cashier—and the man I hire must be capable and honest. D'ye know anythin' about the bankin' business?'

"Wall, I orter," drawled Pete with a proud look, "seein' as how I've robbed more banks than any galoot in this State."

"And yer honest, hain't ye?" asked the banker a little anxiously.

"Why, cert I am! When you an' me uster rob stages didn't I allus divide squar' with ye?"

"Yes, that's a fack, Pete—ye allus acted like an honest man those days. Now, how about countin' cash. Kin ye count purty fast?"

"I kin. When we was tarnin' out hundreds o' counterfeit dollars didn't I uster be chain lightnin' on countin' 'em?"

"Come to think o' it, so ye did. Another thing I'm perticklar about is this: My cashier must know his bisness an' not be botherin' me every minit. Now, if you was cashier an' some kuss walked in an' held ye up what would ye do?"

"I'd just go on figgerin' with one hand an' pop him over with the other."

"That's bizness, Pete, an' I like yer methods. Now, one more question. Hain't thar' some solid bizness man in this town who would be willin' to gin ye a bang-up letter o' recommendashun?"

"Thar' ar', Bill, an' he's Texas Jack, the real-estate man. Jack knows me like a book—we spent three y'ars in jail together—an' he'll gin me the highest references in the land. Anythin' more ye'd like to ask?"

"No, that's all, Pete, an' ye kin hev the job. Excuse me fur axin' so many questions, but a banker can't be too keerful when he hires a cashier, ye know."

A. B. LEWIS.

ONLY A LITTLE CLAM.

As I reached a bend in the road that leads to San Dimas, I came upon a young woman sitting upon an object in the middle of the road. I soon discovered that it was a young man, but his head was jammed so far down in the sand as to be unrecognizable.

"Howdy, stranger," exclaimed the young woman, as she grinned up at me. "I'm settin' on Sam."

"So I see," I answered.

"Me an' him hev jes' bin down ter the meetin'-house gittin' spliced."

"What seems to be the trouble now?"

"Thar' ain't no trouble now, stranger, the enemy has bin crushed an' the victor is now restin' on her laurels. Ye see, hit wuz this way, stranger: We wuz comin' along yere with our arms around each other's necks, an' a-billin' an' a-cooin' like two turtle doves, when Sam yere jumped up inter the air and crackin' his heels tergether yelled:

"'Whoopee, I'm the only pebble on the beach!'

"'What's thet?' says I.

"'I'm the only pebble on the beach!' says he.

"'Sam Grubbs,' says I, 'yer a liar!' An' then the fout commenced, an' hit didn't take Sam but three minutes ter find out thet he wuzn't the pum'kins thet he thought he wuz.

"Yere, Sam!" she cried, seizing hold of the youth's hair and pulling his head out of the sand where it was jammed; "tell the stranger what ye ar'!"

"I'm a little clam," he answered, sullenly.

"Thet ain't all of hit, Sam; tell the rest or hit or I'll wallop ye agin!"

"On the beach"——

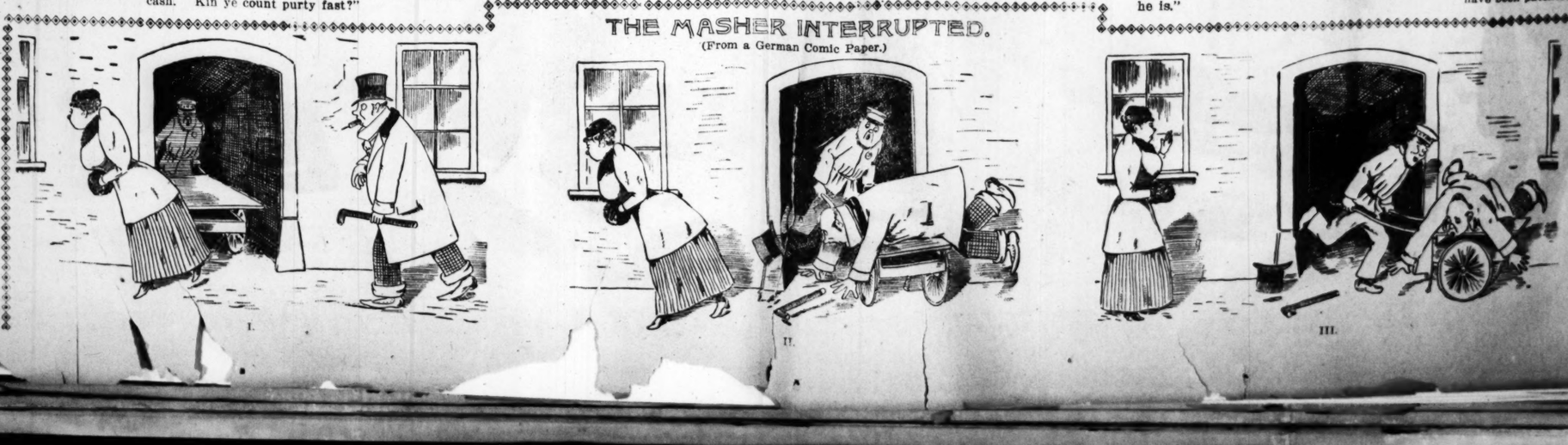
"Go ahead, Sam," she cried, encouragingly.

"At low tide."

"Thar, ye hear, stranger," she cried triumphantly, "thet's what he is, he's only a little clam on the beach at low tide! Ye kin move on now, stranger; I'm goin' ter set on Sam a little longer so ez ter make sure that he won't fergit what he is."

THE MASHER INTERRUPTED.

(From a German Comic Paper.)



TOO LATE.

"Never mind," said the friend, trying to console the ruined man, "you will soon be on your feet again."

"Maybe," answered the other, "but what of it? The referee has already counted ten."

EXCUSABLE.

"He was actually drunk when he proposed."

"Well, perhaps he didn't know he was loaded."

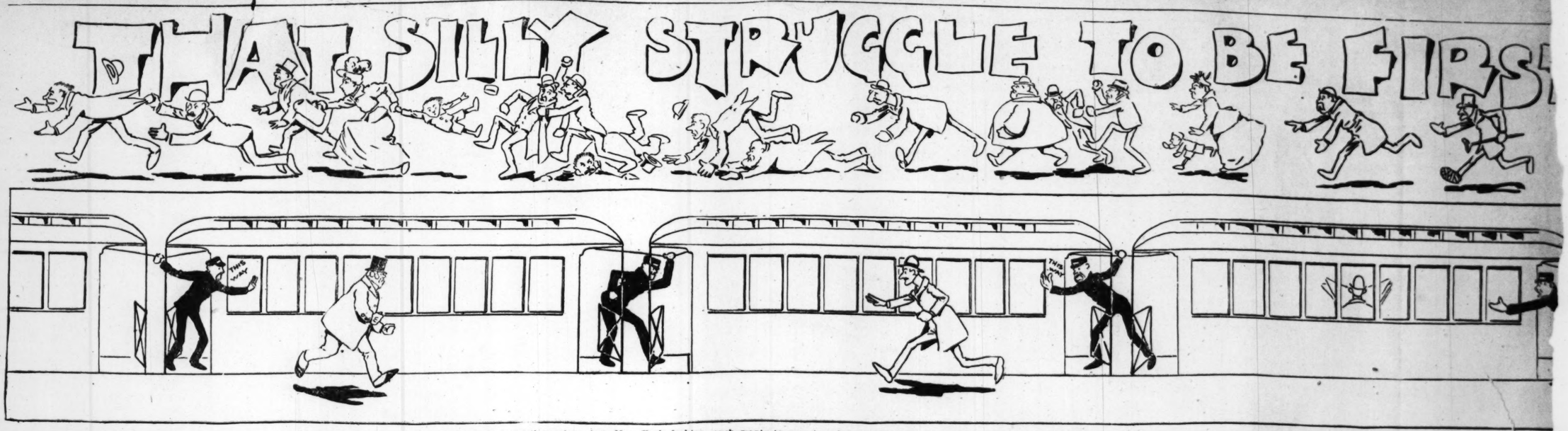
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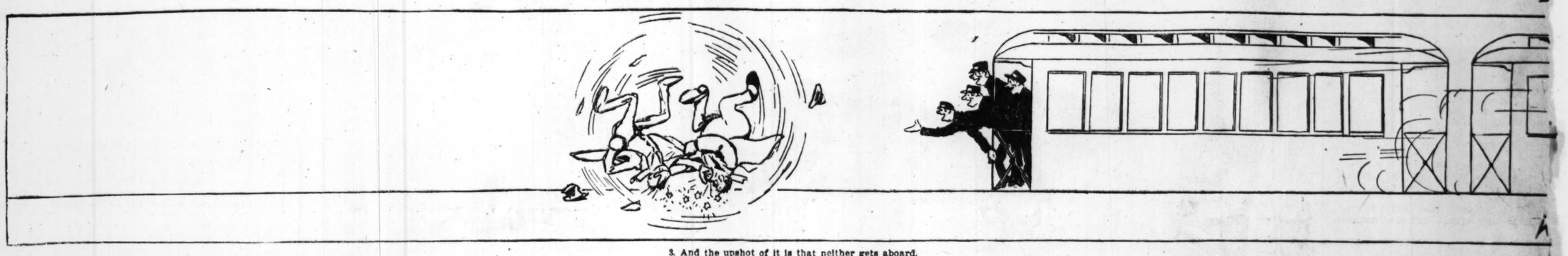
...ed their lateral ... and replied ...ut a moment's ...lon:
... hundred thou...quare feet."

THAT SILLY STRUGGLE TO BE FIRST



1. Smiggs and Smoggs have the whole train to themselves, but, New York fashion, each wants to get aboard first, though why no one, not even themselves, knows.

2. "Who are you pushing?" "I'll be first!" "Get out of my way!" "You're another!" &c., &c., &c.



3. And the upshot of it is that neither gets aboard.

NEARLY AN ELOPEMENT.

It was a dark night.

Slowly down the marble steps into the garden stole a lithe figure of perhaps 240 pounds.

In her hands she carried a small parcel. It was a Saratoga trunk.

She was clad only in garments, with the exception of her hat and shoes and stockings.

She glanced carefully around, and seeing no one, she took a step forward.

"Ah, ha! Foiled!"

It was a deep cry of triumph.

A large man of 5 feet and 3 inches sprang from the bushes and seized the maiden. In spite of her struggles he bore her into the house, a glow of victory in his eyes.

Was it a stern parent ruthlessly preventing his daughter's elopement?

No. It was a calm suburban citizen, and he was preventing his new cook from jumping her job.

WAS IN DEMAND.

"I will give you $3 a week and two evenings off."

It was the wealthy Mrs. O'Dell who spoke.

"Four fifty and three evenings," added Mrs. Roscoe.

"Five dollars."

So remarked Mrs. Gildersiddle.

"Six dollars and every evening off," murmured Mrs. Dofadden.

"Five hundred a year and vacation expenses paid."

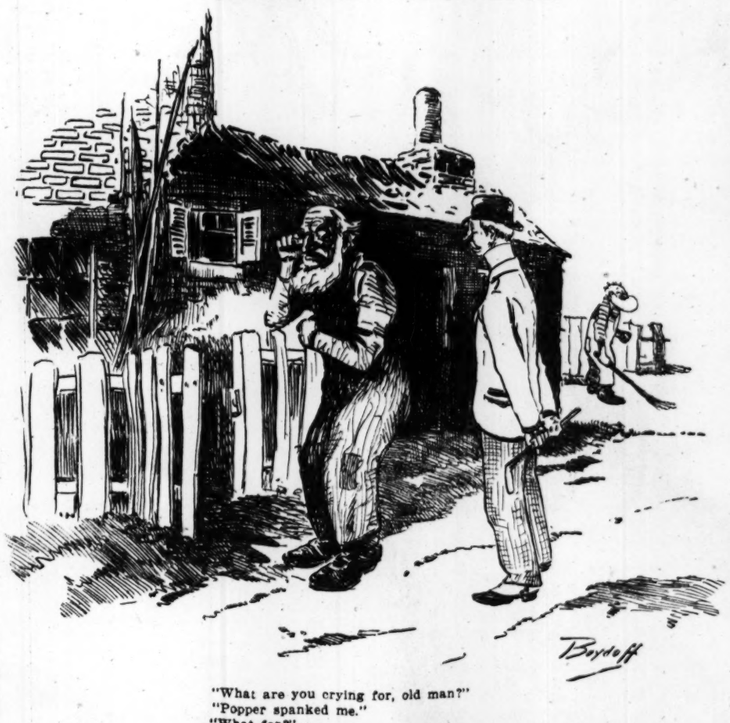
Still the maiden hesitated. She was but an humble cook, and couldn't cook a little bit—not even a little bit of steak.

"One thousand a year and a trip to Europe."

She closed with Mrs. Googinshiemer.

She couldn't cook a little bit, but she had just quit the Skandal family and knew all the details of the oldest daughter's divorce and the younger's breach-of-promise case.

PARENTAL DISCIPLINE.



"What are you crying for, old man?"

"Popper spanked me."

"What for?"

"For throwing paper balls at grandpop."

BUSINESS OVERDONE.

"Well, my friend," said the dime museum manager to the man who had called at his office to seek a situation as a freak, "what is your specialty?"

"I am the only man in the United States," replied the caller, a sad-eyed, solemn-looking man, "that never said 'age before beauty' in stepping aside to let some other fellow go through a door ahead of him."

With an eager, hungry gleam in his eye the manager sprang toward him.

"You're one of those darned smart Alecks who get their ideas from the funny papers!" he exclaimed.

And he grabbed him by the shoulders, turned him round, kicked him down the stairs and threw a wax policeman after him.

THERE IT WAS

It was rumored that the relatio Stubbs, sr., and his wife were not of t est, and Johnny Stubbs had doubtless a family dispute. The father's stro against Mrs. Stubbs was that she w when he raised her to her present Stubbs would then collapse and ter that such a remark was all that coul from one of the low-lived Stubbses.

One day Johnny took his fishpole a to the stream that ran near the ho eels. Just as he was fairly settled sport and was excited by his first ni his mother's voice calling loudly fo in.

"There it is," said the disgusted man. 'The minnit the Stubbses beg Hickses begin to holler."

SHE TOLD HIM SO.

"Mercy! It's raining!"

Mrs. Cutter's voice combined distress, dismay and indignation as she turned to her husband and announced this fact.

"Well, let 'er rain!" replied Cutter.

"But what am I to do?"

"Do? Do nothing. There's nothing we can do but to get home."

"I told you before we started out this evening, George Cutter, that I was afraid it might rain and that I'd better bring my umbrella and mackintosh, but you pooh-poohed at me and said you wouldn't be bothered with them, and here it is pouring and I haven't even a pair of rubbers, and every particle of the curl will be taken out of the feathers on my new bonnet, and I'm sure that my new dress will spot! The clerk said when I bought it that he wouldn't warrant the goods not to spot in the rain, and it'll be ruined, utterly ruined in this downpour, and"——

"It isn't a downpour. It's only a little drizzle."

"I don't care! It's enough to take every particle of curl out of my feathers, and a drizzle will spot my dress as much as a downpour, and here I've got on my white skirt that I gave $3 to have done up, and its the first time I've had it on since, and such a looking thing as it will be! And my—no, you'll not order a carriage! They'd charge $5 for it, and we haven't any $5 to spend in that way! If you'd brought my mackintosh or even my umbrella, as I wanted you to! I told you I was afraid it would rain, but, of course, you never pay the least earthly attention to anything I say, and here we are out in the rain, and my feathers will all come out of curl and my dress will spot, and my freshly laundered white skirt will have to go right into the wash again, and we've four blocks to walk after we leave the car, and I told you it was likely to rain, and now my feathers will all come out of curl and my dress will—I tell you that you shall not hire a carriage! You can talk mighty big about hiring a carriage and paying $5 or $6 for it, but you can't pay your honest debts or afford storm windows on the dining-room to keep us from freezing, or have the plumbing in the house tested to make sure that we're not breathing sewer gas every day of our lives, but you can pay $5 or maybe $7 for a carriage! If you'd brought an umbrella, as I told you to, we'd have no need of a carriage! But no! I told you I feared it would rain, and now my feathers will all be out of curl and my dress will spot. The clerk said he wouldn't warrant it not to spot, and my white skirt will be ruined, and if I get my feet wet I'll be sure to come down with a sore throat, and all because you wouldn't pay a little attention to your own wife's words. I told you it might rain, didn't I? You know I did, and—there! Isn't that our car? Yes, it is, and packed to the doors! We'll have to stand on the platform, and my feathers will come out of curl and my dress spot and my white skirt—I told you that"——

AN INFANT PHENOMENO

There was a case up in one of the courts the other day during the progress of which it became necessary to know the age of a small child belonging to the defendant. The mother appeared before the Judge with the child in her arms, and the attorney for the defendant asked: "You are the mother of this child?"

"Well, if I wasn't I wouldn't be very apt to be here with him in my arms. Of course I'm his mother."

"Then you know his exact age?"

"Well, if I don't know that I don't know who does. It stands to reason, don't it, that a child's own mother should be posted about as well as anybody on his age, and"——

"How old is the child?"

"Well, now, really, I'd just like to have you guess how old he is. Hardly any one guesses his age right. They all think that he's older than he is because of his size. I've had eight, sir, and"——

"How old is he, please?"

"Well, would you think that he isn't three years old yet? Did you ever see a child of three as big as he is? I've had lots of folks guess him to be four and some guess him as high as five, and there was a lady at my house the other day with a boy four years and three months old and, if you'll believe me, he wasn't as tall as this baby by a good inch, and he weighed two pounds and ten ounces less than this baby. We took them out and weighed them just for the thing. And a curious thing about it was the least, scrawny little thing w born. He didn't weigh but five pound ounces, and everybody said I'd never and I didn't think that I would, eit so"——

"I want to know his exact age to a

"He began to gain before he was th old, and he's never been sick a day although I exposed him to the measles because I think that it is a good children to have the measles youn harder and harder with them the olde My sister-in-law always kept her boy measles, and he never had 'em until h teen, and it mighty near killed him have been weak ever since and he really got over it. But this child simpl take 'em, and"——

"When does the child's birthday com

"In January, and of all my eight he one that comes that month. In fact, no two of 'em has their birthday the sa and I think that's real odd considerin' of them there are, and"——

"What day in January does his birt on?"

"The tenth, and"——

"That will do."

"I was going to say that"——

"You need not say it."

And she left the stand muttering about "these uppish lawyers."

HE WAS CHILLY.

Harlem has a sensation clergyman who is in the habit of asking startling questions, such as "Are you prepared to die?" when he meets a member of his congregation. On meeting Hugh Fitzgerald on One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street the clergyman asked him: "Are your windows open toward Jerusalem?"

"I ain't sure," replied Fitzgerald, "and I'm not bothering my head much about that, but if my landlord doesn't put weather strips on them pretty soon I'm going to move into a steam-heated flat."

WHAT THE MATTER WAS.

"Doctor," said the anxious mother, "my son is actually killing himself sitting up until 2 o'clock every morning."

"No," said the wise old practitioner, "it is not the sitting up that is killing your son; it is the getting up."

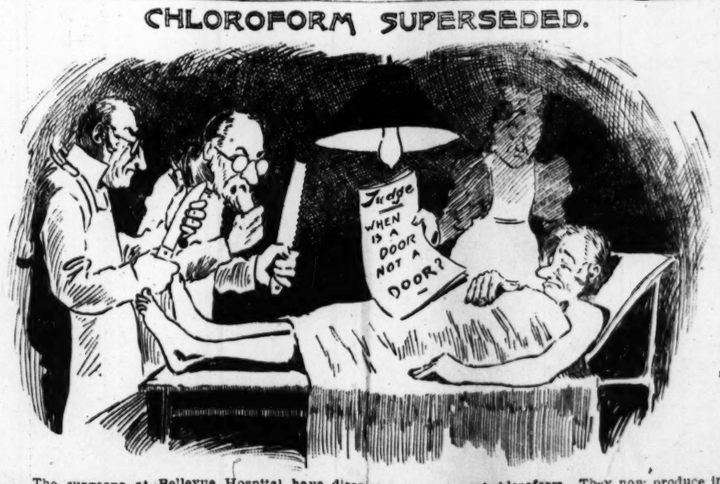
THE PROPER THING.

"I enjoyed Christmas Day thoroughly," said Kilduff. "The exercises were arranged just as I like them."

"How is that?" asked Skidmore.

"Short sermon, long dinner."

CHLOROFORM SUPERSEDED.



The surgeons at Bellevue Hospital have discontinued the use of chloroform. They now produce insensibility in patients to be operated on by showing them a copy of one of the old-fashioned humorous weeklies.

HIS DESPERATE ACTION.

Drummer—Did that man who attempted to commit suicide while I was here last afterward succeed in accomplishing his purpose?

Squam Corners Merchant—Well, just about the same thing; the week following he married a widow with five grown daughters.

THE ONLY CURE.

Cholly—Have you anything that will stop this habit of cigarette smoking?

Druggist—Yes, sir. John, give the gentlem box of "Rough on Rats."

A PROTRACTED PERI

Claude Poppinjay—Why don't y tailor. He'll give you a splendid Gus Snoberly—But does he use "I should say so. Why, I had almost up to the time I paid fo

EXPLAINING IT

He—Am I ever to have my

Of course; you can ha ay is the same as my re different, then I'll

HOW HE TOOK IT

The scene is an uptown flat.

In the small but comfortably furnished parlor a young man of about twenty-five, with anxious eyes and a face that is haggard both from worry and from lack of sleep, is making heroic attempts to control his agitation. But it seems an impossible task. He cannot maintain the same position, or even occupy the same chair, for two consecutive minutes. At frequent intervals he passes through the portieres, creeps along the narrow, private hall, and after pausing for an instant outside a door in the rear tip-toes back into the dining-room.

Suddenly, while he is gazing out of the window in a vain endeavor to concentrate his attention for a few moments upon the busy street below, a woman enters the room. She has a grave, kindly face, and wears a white cap and apron.

"At last! Thank heaven!" he exclaims in a fever of excitement. "What is it, nurse, a boy or a girl?"

The woman does not answer, but hesitates as though at a loss for words.

The young man turns deadly pale.

"Quick!" he commands hoarsely, clutching her by the arm. "Tell me the worst! Can't you see the state I'm in?"

"Well, sir," stammers the woman at last, moved by his frenzied appeal, "you must try and bear it bravely, sir, though it's a sore trial for a fine young man like yourself. I should never have"—

"For heaven's sake"——

"All right, sir, I'm a-coming to it. Well, you're a father sure enough, and it's a boy and bota doing well, but it's the smallest babby I ever see. It only weighs a pound and a half, and the doctor says—try and bear up, sir—that the poor dear will be a dwarf all the days of its life."

To the intense amazement of the nurse, the young father's countenance instead of betraying despair breaks out into happy smiles and he gives vent to an exclamation of joy.

"You don't seem to understand, sir," she remarked indignantly. "I said your child was a dwarf. I should think that would break a father's heart."

"Break my heart! Not much," he answers, gleefully. "Don't you see, my good woman, that now after all we shall not be compelled to move out of the flat!"



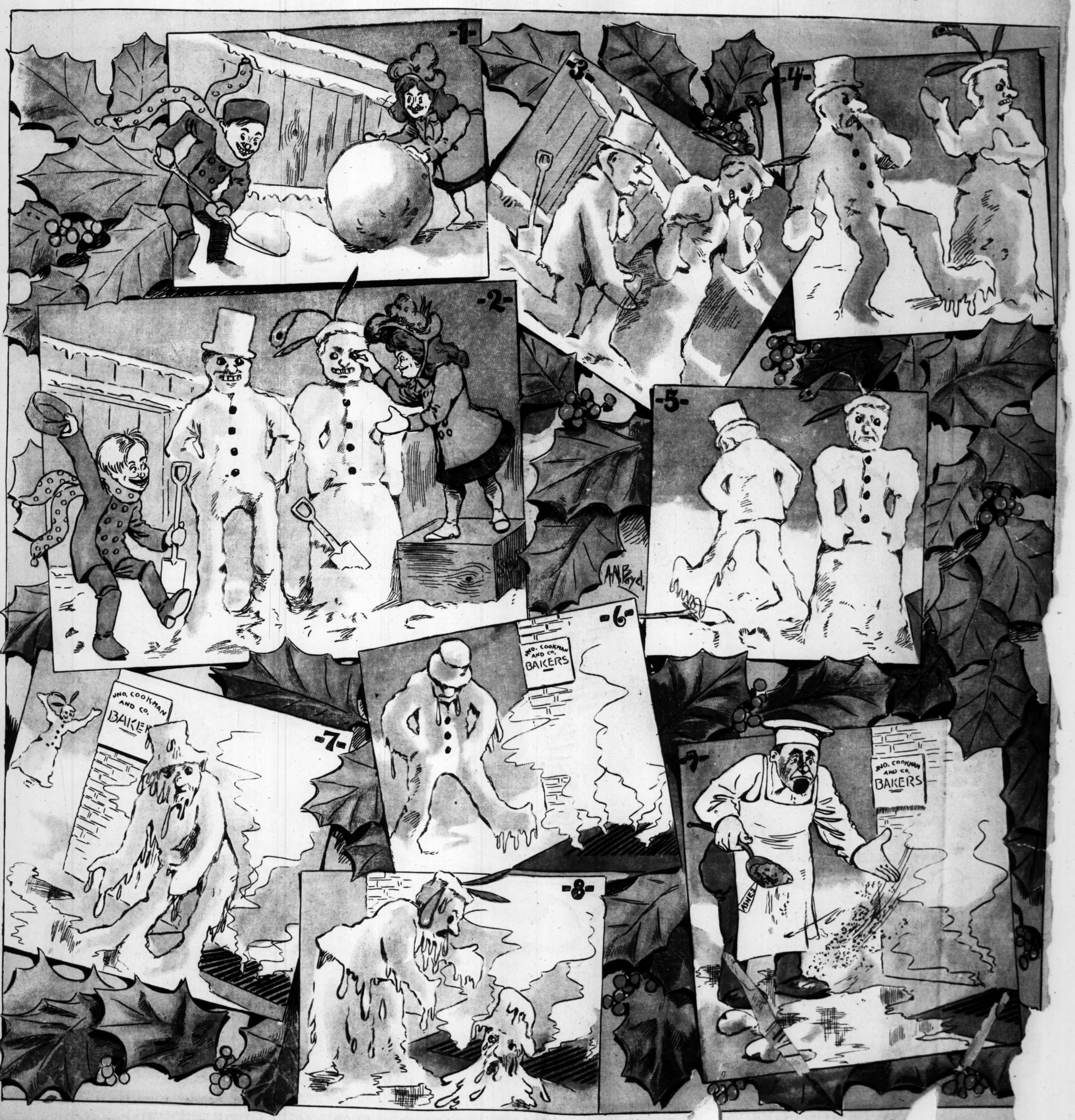
SANTA CLAUS---DARN THOSE FLYING MACHINES!

THE REJECTED SNOW MAN

A CHRISTMAS ROMANCE

WITH A SUICIDAL ENDING.

A.N.B.



...TCHED BACKWARDS.

By an Old Novelist.

CHAPTER I.

I done it.
—Posthumous Papers of R. Croker.

Spuyten leaned back in a comfortable seat ...e ferry-boat and clipped the pages of his ...zine. Feeling a hand laid suddenly on his ...he turned and saw Tottie gazing up into his ...with timid blue eyes. Tottie was a waif. ...hill east wind blew her hair about her face ...bellious gray curls. She was ragged, thin ...hivering with cold. Tottie had no friends. ...ppeared to be about seventy-five years of

...hat can I do for you?" said Van Spuyten. ... only clung to his arm and gazed up into ...ce with trusting eyes as some kind man ...g a gold brick might have done. Van Spuy... ...lt strangely moved as he met the gaze of ...innocent optics, and at first thought they ...aused the feeling, but being of an analytical ...f mind, he investigated its source and found ...e the ferry-boat turning round to land on ...w York side.

...at's your name?" asked Tottie.

... name is Dick," said Van Spuyten. "Ah, ...ayfarer, as Plutarch says, 'It's a d——d ...orld.'"

...eader will perceive from this remark that ...uyten was a philosopher—handsome, cyni... ... with a thorough knowledge of women.

... the boat was within fifty feet of the shore ...tain, thinking Tottie was annoying Van ..., came up and ordered her away. Tottie, ...id bred among abrupt surroundings, had ...rol over her temper. Seizing the captain, ...rled him overboard, and taking up an axe ...d a hole ten feet square in the bottom of ...t. As the boat went down and Van Spuy... ...nd the cold waves dash over him, he felt ... arms clinging to him and heard her cry: ...wants to go home with Dick!"

...our later Van Spuyten surprised his house... by presenting to her in the vestibule of ...ifth avenue mansion an aged, bedraggled, ...ing creature, and requesting that she assign ...room and attend to her wants.

CHAPTER II.

... men are born great, some have appendicitis ...upon them, but I go on forever.—Confessions of ...n Dean Howells.

...ard Van Spuyten was a reserved, austere ... By birth he was an elevated railroad ticket... ...out fate, regardless of his proclivities, had ...im unstinted wealth. After turning Tottie ... his housekeeper and thus disposing of a ...mpulse to kindness, he almost forgot her ... When he came home at night and ...it in the library reading, Tottie would ...in and, crouching in a corner, would gaze ...pfully at him, the silence broken only by ...und of Van Spuyten's finger as it moved ...e lines of the book he read.

...lay a thing happened that opened Van ...'s eyes. Meeting Tottie in the hall, he ...ner out of the way as usual without speak... ...The movement caused the portrait of a fan... ...lly dressed woman, in robes of many colors, ...two heads and a red heart printed in two ...s of the photo, to fall to the floor. Tottie ... the picture, gazed at it a moment and then ...in a thousand pieces.

...is more beautiful than I!" she cried, "and ... her. I hate her!"

... tore down the stairway and walls of the ...d set fire to the ruins. Van Spuyten ...other house and knocked at the door of ... room. He heard her sobbing inside.

...she must love me!" thought Van Spuyten.

That night Tottie ran away and joined a comic opera chorus.

CHAPTER III.

I hold it true with him who sings
To one clear harp in divers tones,
That men may tangle up the bones
Of their dead selves with dogs and things.
—Dr. Allport.

Twenty years had elapsed. Richard Van Spuyten sat in the front row gazing with admiration at the Butterfly Ballet. A beautiful, sylph-like creature in the front row, with fluffy golden hair and the innocent riante face of a child attracted his attention.

As the clock struck ten Richard Van Spuyten hurled his chapeau upon his head, and as the bell struck for the descending curtain his foot struck the green-room door, where the beautiful ballet-dancer struck him for the wine. As she raised the glass to her lips Van Spuyten started up and cried:

"Tottie! You must be Tottie. She always bent her elbow while drinking."

"Calm yourself, Monsieur," said the ballet-dancer. "I am not Tottie. Tottie came to me twenty years since, and was a member of this chorus until a month ago. From me she learned the secret of restoring her youthful appearance. At the age of ninety-five she received more boquets than the whole chorus combined. A month ago she suddenly disappeared, and I have not heard from her since. Alas! Monsieur, Heaven knows so much talking makes one devilish dry."

"Nine years after Tottie left me," said Richard Van Spuyten, speaking as one in a dream, "I found that I loved her. Will you marry me?"

"God helping me," said the ballet-dancer, "I will."

CHAPTER IV.

Iago—Richard's himself again.
King Lear—Aye; poor Tom's a-cold.
—Two Gentlemen of New York.

Fifteen minutes later Richard Van Spuyten died of old age. Every five years two women, heavily veiled, come to his grave and strew it with flowers. As they leave one of them always says to the other:

"Dear sister Tottie, you will forgive me for not telling him where you were and marrying him myself? He was so rich."

"Forgive you, sister? With all my heart. But now you must hurry back to the theatre in time for the afternoon rehearsal."

"And you, dear sister Tottie," says the other, "must also hurry. It is nearly time for your girl pose at Mr. Gibson's studio."

Mesdames and Messieurs, our tale is done. If any desire to follow further the fortunes of our heroine they may do so by purchasing the sequel to this: "Cleopatra's Secrets Revealed; or, Tottie on the Lecture Platform." At all newsdealers.

THE MAN IN THE STOCKS---



1.



2.

---WHO ALMOST GOT THE BEER.



3.

THE CHRISTMAS CAMEL.

(TOMMY LOQ.)

This paste board camel goes "squeak! squeak!"
Whene'er I press him with my hand,
And this to me is hardly Greek—
I think his case I understand.

He looks so gloomy in repose—
So weary, dreary through and through,
That woe seems dripping from his nose,
And from his optics, navy blue.

"Squeak! squeak!" he murmers o'er and o'er,
And now I kindest care will take
To drop some paregoric for
His squeak-emitting stomach ache.

R. K MUNKITTRICK.

LEGAL COMPLICATIONS.

Mrs. Fleecem—You say that you are going to prove that the murdered man is not dead, but still living? Why, his own family and hundreds of other people saw him when he was dead, and then buried him!

Lawyer Fleecem—Ah, my dear, you know very little about the law. We have only circumstantial evidence that he is dead. Nobody saw him in the act of dying.

UNDERESTIMATED.

Cobwigger—I think you're a greedy little boy.

Freddie—Greedy! Why, dad, if you knew all the things Santa Claus is going to bring me you would say I was a hog.

POOR FELLOW!

"Did you hear what Staggers found in his stocking on Christmas?"

"What?"

"Snakes."

DIBBINS'S DEFEAT.

"This curtain roller does not work properly and I guess you'd better send a man up to fix it ... several of the other curtains that will not ... up or down," said Mrs. Dibbins to her hus... the other day.

"...aw! There's no sense in having a man come trailing up from away downtown to fix a curtain roller. What nonsense! I guess that all it need... is to have the spring tightened or something o... sort. I'll do it myself right now," said Dib...

"Don't c... up on that nice upholstered chair! I'll get"——

"Oh, it won... hurt the chair any. It'll take me but a minute ... to what I'd have to pay a man $2 for doing. Als... the spring is run down. I thought so. I'll ...ust wind it up, and—hully gee! how hard the thing winds! There! Now if I can just slip it into the—darn it all! It slipped from my fingers just when I had it wound up and I'll have to wind it up again."

"I don't believe that you can fix it, Sam Dibbins. You'd better"——

"I can and will fix it! It's mighty easy to say 'send up a man for every trifling little thing that needs to be done,' but it isn't so easy to pay for it, and—there you are! I knew that—why in tarnation don't the thing roll? It sticks like"——

"Don't jerk it that way! You'll tear it all to pieces!"

"I don't care if I do! I guess I've wound the blamed thing too tight, and"——

"You'd better let it alone altogether and"——

"You'd better go away and attend to your own affairs! I've set out to fix this curtain and I'll do it if it kills me! All it needs is—thunder! The blamed, infernal"——

"There you are getting angry. It's just the way when you try to do anything. Let it alone and I'll fix it myself."

"You will, eh? Not if I know it, you don't! You'll walk over my dead body first! When I set out to do a thing I do it, and—O Lord! but I'd like to have hold of the man who invented this fool curtain roller! I'd wear this one out over his back! Now I guess I've got it all right. What in the name of"——

"Now, Sam Dibbins, you'll be swearing next, and"——

"Swearing? You can thank your lucky stars if that is all I do! You'd no business to get me up here monkeying with the blamed old curtain! It's a pretty idea if I've got to keep the house in order as well as earn the living! Roll up, I tell you!"

"You'll ruin the shade, I tell you!"

"Don't care if I do! It's what I want to do! It's what I will do if it don't roll up as it should! The blamed, infernal—roll up, I tell you! I'd like to sue the lunkhead who invented this cursed—I bet I will make you roll! Aha! Don't care if I have torn the shade from the roller! I'm glad of it! Now you can bundle it up and put it in the fire and I'll have another one to buy because I was forced into doing what it wasn't my place to do! I expect the time to come when I'll train to cook and serve the meals and take full charge of the house as well as earn the living! Talk about your progressive women! They get more and more dependent on us men every day of their lives!"

GOOD EFFECTS OF PROSPERITY.

Lawyer Ketchem—Oh, there's no doubt that business is improving.

Lawyer Fleecem—That's right. I can report three divorce cases for last week as against nothing but a little assault and battery case for the corresponding week of last year.

THE CREAM OF AMERICAN CARTOONS.



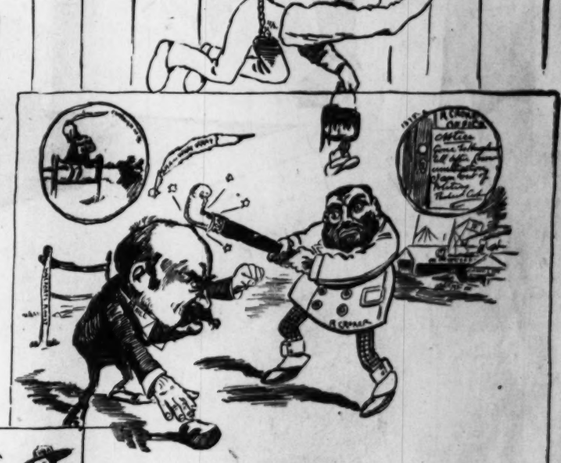
STABBED IN THE HOUSE OF ITS FRIENDS—M'KINLEY GETS IN HIS WORK.



STOP!



LOST!—HE WON'T SEE THE SIGN.



PLAIN TALK TO MR HILL.



UNCLE SAM—LOOK OUT, THIS GUN IS LOADED!



YELLOW JACK NOT THE ONLY FEVER THE FROST KILLED.



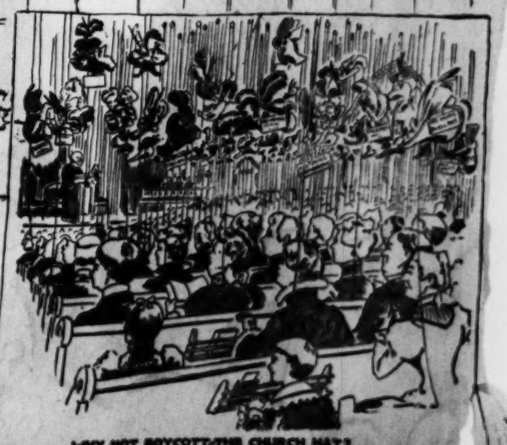




SPAIN—SUSPICIOUS
AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR HIM!



"PULLEE CHINAMAN'S PIG TAILEE."



WHY NOT BOYCOTT THE CHURCH HAT?

IT ALL DEPENDED.

The tall, dignified colored man was just going upstairs with broom, dust pan and basket when the squat, sawed-off colored man on the dray hailed him with:

"Hi, dar, Moses! Was yo' gwine ter pray'r meetin' to-night?"

The tall, dignified man wheeled about and looked fixedly at the other without speaking.

"What's de mattah, Moses?" queried the sawed-off man.

"Sah, did yo' speak to me?"

"Of co'se I spoke to yo'."

"Did yo' ax me if I was gwine ter pray'r meetin' to-night?"

"Dat's what I said."

"An' yo' called me Moses?"

"Of co'se. What's got 'longside o' yo' all to once?"

"Sah," replied the tall, dignified man as the stiffness of his attitude increased, "I ar' now gwine upsta'rs to sweep out de room in which de bank directahs am gwine to hold a meetin' at 12 o'clock."

"Gwine to hold a meetin', eh?"

"At dat meetin', sah, de queshun will cum up of increasin' de capital of our bank, an' I shall be right clus by de doah an' will be spoken to as Mistah Moses Harrington."

"Lawd sabe us!" gasped the squat man.

"An', sah," continued the tall, dignified man with still more dignity, "if dey calls me in an' axes de opinyun of Mistah Moses Harrington he will recommend dat de capital be increased, an' doorin' de rest ob de arternoon an' evenin' he will be walkin' 'round town wid his cane an' plug hat."

"Shoo! Shoo!"

"But if dey doan call me in, sah—if dey doan call me in an' increase de capital—if dey dun leaves me out in de hall by myself an' let's de capital remain whar' it am—den Moses Harrington will show up at de pray'r meetin' an' lead in de singin' as usual. Sah, I wish yo' good-day!"

SUMMER HEAT.



"Is your flat steam heated?"
"Not now. It was last Summer."

THE ULTIMATUM

"Mr. Grinsmith," began the landlady, icily, addressing the humorous boarder, "I very much dislike to say anything that may hurt your feelings"——

"Oh, don't mind me, Mrs. Hashover!" interrupted the young man, cheerily. "I have been boarding for four years, and my feelings are entirely ossified."

"It is my desire," proceeded the landlady, with studied calmness, "to keep my boarders as long as I can, but"——

"I don't know that you really keep 'em any longer than common people,' again interjected Grinsmith, "but you keep 'em so thin that they certainly look longer."

"That will do, Mr. Grinsmith!" answered Mrs. Hashover, sternly. "What I was about to say was that it is my wish to preserve amicable relations with all my boarders, but there is a point where forbearance ceases to be a virtue. I have endured in silence your alleged witticisms on the viands and listened to them more in sorrow than in anger, but there is an end to all things. And, Mr. Grinsmith, if you repeat your performance of this morning and again give an idiotic imitation of hypnotizing the butter, I shall be forced to request you to pay two dollars more per week for your board or else seek another place of residence. This is my ultimatum, Mr. Grinsmith; please govern yourself accordingly. I have spoken!"

THEATRICAL TERM

Manager (to actor who is peeping through the curtain)—Is the house full?

Actor (shaking his head at seeing very few seats taken)—Not full exactly, but mournful.

Manager—More'n full, eh? Good! I'll put out the "Standing Room Only" sign.

A CHANCE FOR UNCLE SAM TO BE A SANTA CLAUS



A LATER HUSBAND

Two ladies met in the Grand Union Depot in St. Louis. One of them was in deep mourning. The other exclaimed:

"I've not seen you in two years, and you are still in mourning for your husband. What devotion!"

The sorrowful one turned her head aside and, although somewhat embarrassed, replied:

"Yes, I'm in mourning for my dear husband, but it is the one I married since we last met. I am living in Chicago now."

MARRIAGE MYSTERY

"How do you like married life?" asked a St. Louis lady of a young friend who was a bride of a few months.

"There is one very strange thing about it. Before we were married, when we were courting, there was no such thing as getting him out of the house before 12 o'clock, and now I can't get him into the house before 12," was the puzzled response.

HE WAS HUNGRY

A man whose face was seamed with care stopped Mr. Harlemite in City Hall Park and exclaimed:

"For the love of heaven, give me a few cents to buy food. I haven't had anything to eat in three days."

"Poor fellow! So your lot, like my own, is cast in a New York boarding-house."

"Worse," responded the despairing man. "I married a graduate of Vassar."

INCORRIGIBLE

Mrs. Sterneye — You are a bad boy. You are always abusing your little sister Fannie. Never mind; when Santa Claus comes he will bring Fannie nice playthings, and all you'll get will be a strap.

"All right! Fetch on your strap; that's just what I need to whack Fannie with."

ALL HE HEARD.

They were talking about the race-tra
when the man with the Van Dyke beard m
the fact that he had seen his first horse-r
the day before, the old race-goer with
beard leaned over and queried:

"Didn't you think it great sport, sir?"

"Y-e-s," he slowly admitted, but his looks
his words.

"Mighty exciting, isn't it?" continued th
speaker enthusiastically.

"Yes, it certainly is," was the quiet answe

"So that was your first race, eh?"

"The very first, sir, and my last, too, I'm
ing."

"But you can't possibly mean that? Yo
tainly must have enjoyed such rare sport!"

"At first—yes."

"When the horses got away at the post d

KEPT GOING.



"It is easy to draw him out on any subject.
"Yes, he's like a telescope. It is easier to
out than to shut him up."

make your heart palpitate and your h
up?"

"Seems to me it did."

"And as they came up the homestretch, n
neck, could you contain yourself?"

"I—I managed to."

"That's funny," mused the old race-go
cold look at the other. "Say, now, honest
the people rose up and shouted as in o
weren't you carried away with enthusiasm?"

"Well, the fact is," replied he with the Va
beard, as if he thought some explanation sh
given, "the fact is I wasn't listening to the
of the crowd or paying much attention
horses after the first race."

"You—you weren't!" gasped the other i
ishment.

"No, sir. You see, I lost five dollars o
race, and all I heard after that were the
of my wife concerning that fiver!"

A. B. L.

THE ROMAN CHARIOT RACE BROUGHT DOWN TO DATE

SYMPATHETIC HUSBAND

"How is your wife coming on?" asked an East St. Louis man of an old negro whom he met in the Grand Union Depot.

"Porely, sah. Yisterday she tried ter frow er flatiron at me, and de poor woman was so weak hit didn't reach me by ten feet. Hit zausts her, sah, jess ter hit me er crack wid de broomstick. My heart jess bleeds for her."

A DILEMMA

Cholly—Aw, doncherno, they say the death wate in Fwance exceeds the birth wate. That must make matters somewhat uncertain to the people ovah there.

Algy—Bah Jove! It would, sure, but how?

Cholly—Why, you see, it's this way: A Fwenchman stands a bigger chance of dying than he does of being bohn.

NOT ALARMING

He—I see that a Boston doctor describes a kiss as "the anatomical juxtaposition of two orbicularis oris muscles in a state of contraction." Isn't it enough to frighten one to think of going through all that?

She—Not at all. I'm from Boston myself.

THE KIND OF PANS

Miss Wonderleigh — What kind of pans are those the Klondike miners use in getting the gold, Mr. Wagger?

Mr. Wagger — Dust ans, most likely, Miss Wonderleigh.

PERMANEN IN

"You pro
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have only give
said Jim Neve
his friend Char
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"Yes, I know,
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have to write y
fore you pay me
the other $4."

A CRUEL T

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FINE SPO

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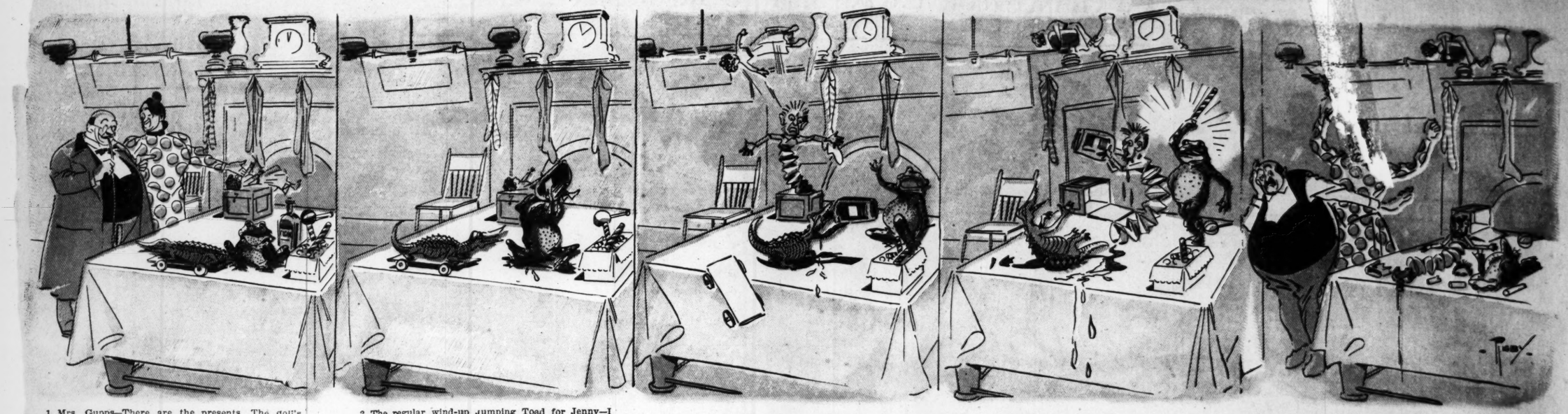
SOLVE

Biggs—Well,
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Boggs—Is that
haven't heard of

Biggs—Yes, th
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THE CHRISTMAS TOYS THAT HAD AN INTOXICATED RIOT



1. Mrs. Gupps—There are the presents. The doll's for Em. George's present's in the box. There's a stuffed alligator for Alex, and a regular wind-up jumping toad for Jenny. Then there's a bottle of brandy for grandpop's rheumatism.

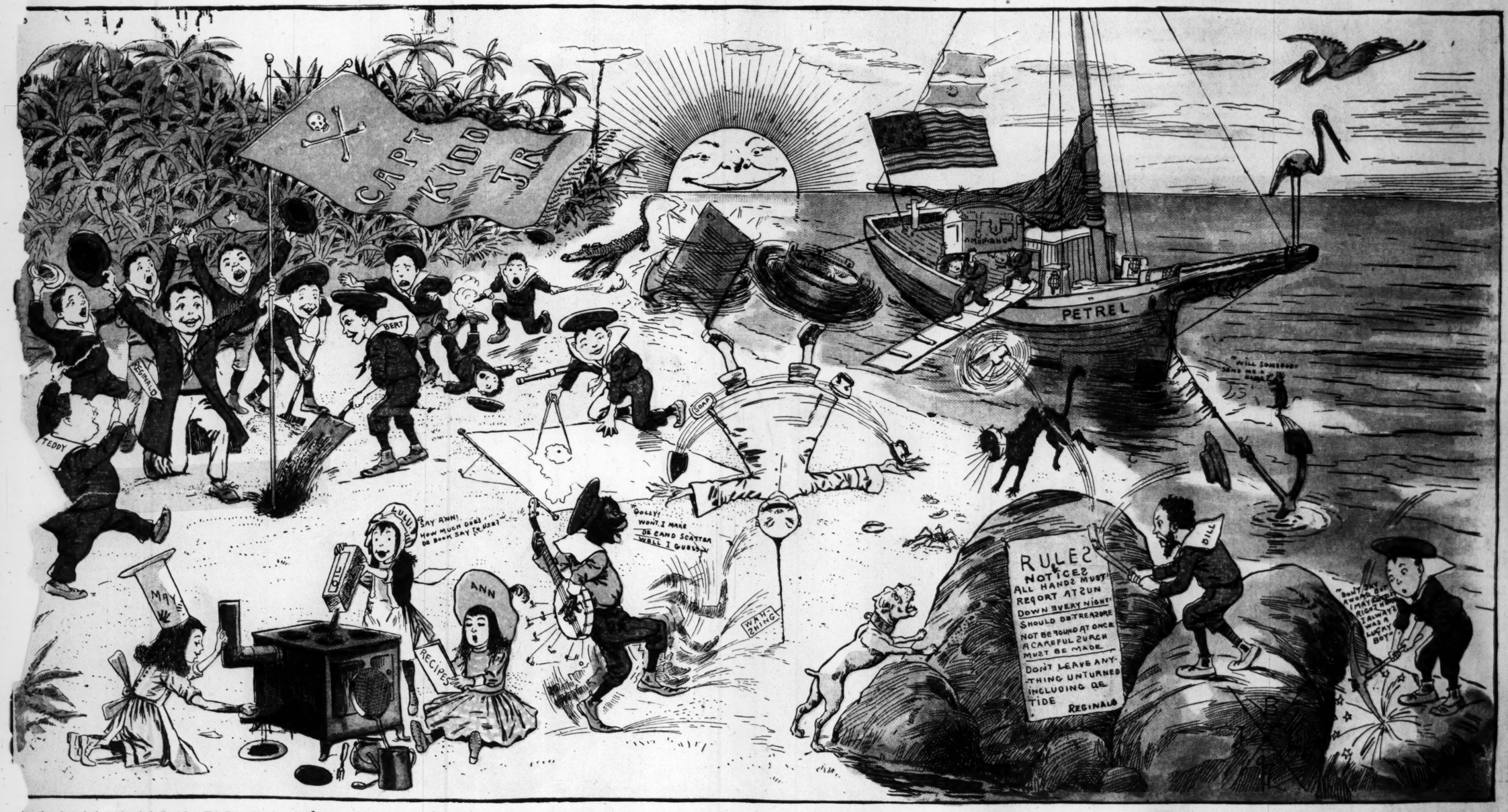
2. The regular wind-up Jumping Toad for Jenny—I feel sorry for grandpop's rheumatism!
The Stuffed Alligator for Alex—For heaven's sake leave a little for me.

3. George's Jack-in-the-Box (suddenly appearing)—Say, are you fellers going to hog all that brandy?

4. The regular wind-up Jumping Toad for Jenny—Talk about hogging things! (Biff! Biff! Biff!)

5. Next morning, Mrs. Gupps—You brute! You came home last night intoxicated and smashed all the toys! (Biff! Biff! Biff!)

CHAPTER 4.—VERSES BY R. K. MUNKITTRICK— ## THE CAPTAIN KIDD KIDS LAND —(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.)



hor they dropped, down the plank they
ped
ush for the shining shore,
eir kettles and cans and their pots and
ns
their housekeeping traps galore;
by rushed pell-mell with a football yell,
thrilled to the very core.

Spry Wah Shing whirled on his quaint pigtail,
While he smirked a smirk most sweet
And spun the wash-tub with a great hubbub
On the tips of his moon-shaped feet,
And juggled the soap in the frenzied hope
That the treasures of Kidd they'd meet.

Pet, the bow-bow, circled in maddest glee
And lit on the towsled cat,
Whose fur stood up while she tackled the pup
And ripped him this way and that,
And he started to run, which it couldn't be done,
On account of his billows of fat.

Then Billy the Naildriver shouted: "Lis,"
And Lulu yelled loud, "Oh, Jack,"
And Jack called "Fred," and Freddy sang "Ted!"
While the cat on the dog's broad back
Browsed on and clawed and persistently pawed
Till his dogship was blue and black.

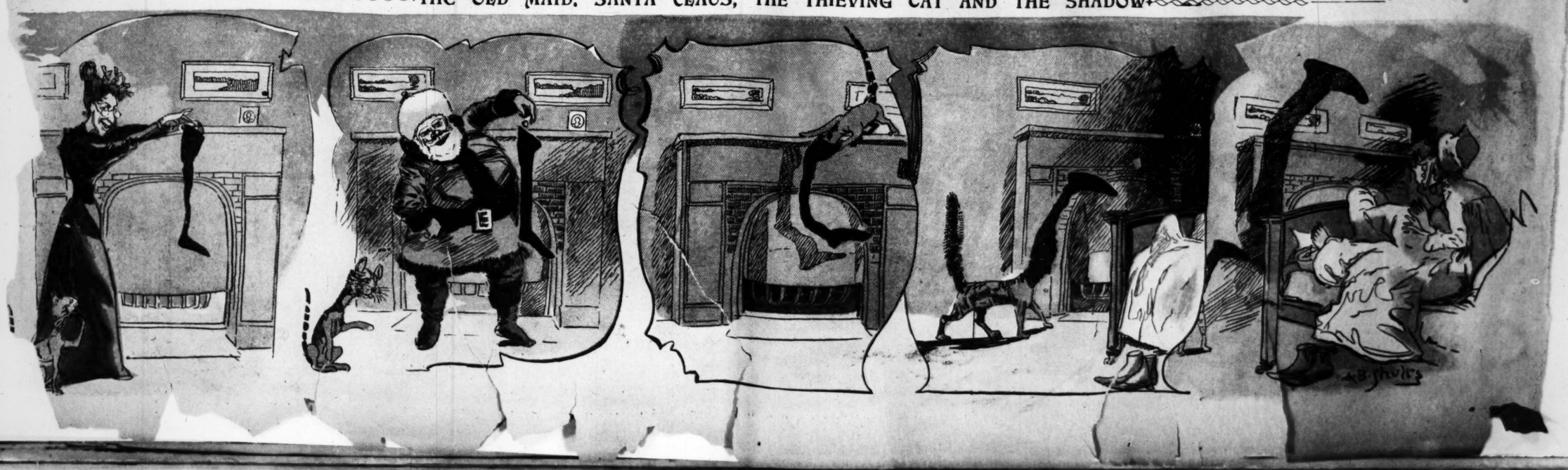
"Come, May," said Morenso, "the cook stove start,
For we are a hungry set.
"And I tell you, fair Ann, I could gobble the can
Where the salmon joy-flushed is met.
The label, too, like a goat I could woo,"
And Dan coincided: "You bet!"

While each one shouted and frisked about
With a searching restaurant eye;
'Twas from overhead some orang-outangs red
Threw cocoanut pie on pie,
In their chattering glee from the cocoanut tree,
Which the gold-seekers caught on the fly.

And the dog and the cat fought bravely on,
While the pies were gratefully gulped;
Oh, the cat cut intaglios on the dog,
Who was most picturesquely sculped,
While he hammered the cat on the greensward flat,
Till he fancied he had been pulped.

Oh, the cat flew suddenly up a tree
From the bow-wow's furious hold,
And Reginald, Freddy and corpulent Teddy,
With the other pirates bold,
Shouted loud, "Let's fly from these trees of pie
To the cruse of the red, red gold!"

THE OLD MAID, SANTA CLAUS, THE THIEVING CAT AND THE SHADOW



With the average woman starched propriety takes the place of common sense.

MARY E. LEASE.

WOMAN'S The WORLD

The basi... ety is the ... trol which ... teaches her ...

MARY L...

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THE CLIMAX OF MIRTH AS SHOWN BY THE FACE

From Photographs in which Three Famous Comediennes Illustrate for the Sunday World the Funniest Instants in Three Original Comedies.



JULIE KOPACSY





ARCHIE GUNN

MISS LIPMAN'S MERRIEST SCENE IN "THE TELEPHONE GIRL"



CLARA LIPMAN





MAY IRWIN

MAY IRWIN'S BEST BUSINESS IN "THE SWELL MISS FITZWELL."

WU TALKS TO AMERICANS.

Charming Wife of the Chinese Minister Discusses Our Institutions.

ONLY IN FASHION'S NAME.

Mme. Wu the most interesting woman in cosmopolitan Washington society to-day is pretty Mme. Wu, wife of the new Chinese Minister. To American lookers-on she is even more interesting than her predecessor, Mrs. Yang Yu, because of her birth and rank, and because she has small feet. Small feet of bound feet that were ever seen in China. But, in spite of her bondage to this unnatural custom, Mrs. Wu is a very intelligent and progressive woman. That she is personally charming may be seen from the photograph reproduced on this page.

Mrs. Wu's ideas were set forth to a representative of the Sunday World a day or two ago by Mr. Wu, the Minister. The Wus are greatly interested in the American corset and by the constriction of the figure which it accomplishes. Speaking for his wife, Minister Wu said:

"Why do American women lace themselves with corsets? I am surprised that a people so enlightened a nation, with its independence of thought and action, should be willing to submit to what is simply a following of precedent.

"Perhaps you will reply that Chinese women still bind their feet. But it is the custom with us in the East. We are a conservative people, bound by long ages of precedent, though I am happy to say that there is to-day on foot a widespread movement for the abolishment of the custom of deforming the feet of our women.



WATCHES WORN AS SHIRT STUDS.
(The newest departure of the tailor-made girl.)

"I am personally opposed to the practice, and believe that the day is not far off when it will be discontinued altogether. Yet, when I was a boy the very suggestion of a change would have been treason.

"I know there are many in certain districts of China who would gladly abandon the practice, yet it still prevails because, as every Chinese mother will tell you, the girl with large feet will not be sought in marriage."

Mrs. Wu is very much interested in the various charities, and is always open for contributions to these charities, although she is sometimes severe in her criticisms of the methods made in a most charitable spirit. They are particularly emphatic on the subject of wearing birds as ornaments.

Again, speaking for his wife, Mr. Wu said:

"I often see elegantly dressed ladies with great birds on their heads, covering almost the entire hat. And this in addition to plumes of every variety. Do they not know that these are largely obtained through the torture of the songster? It is the same with certain furs, such as the Persian lamb's wool for instance. Hundreds of animals are yearly slaughtered in cold blood for the purpose of securing the skin of the unborn kid, and all for the mere gratification of vanity. This is a strange sort of humanity. If a reform can be brought about in no other way Congress should be urged to legislate for the protection of game and to prevent the wanton destruction of fur-bearing animals.

"I am sure the American people act only through lack of proper understanding of the real methods of obtaining these uncouth ornaments. Yet when I make such a suggestion I am met with the reply, 'You kill pheasants for the gratification of the palate.' That is a different question, however. The birds are killed instantly without torture."

Mrs. Wu has already made warm friends among the residents of Washington, and won an enviable reputation for perfect courtesy. Her pedigree is irreproachable, extending further back than that of the royal family itself. She is also of equal official rank with her husband and is entitled to the same social privileges, such as entering a room by his side upon occasions of ceremony rather than following him. Her court gown is of extreme richness and brilliancy, the petticoat being of bright reds and blues, ornamented with heavily embroidered gold panels. The tunic is of purple and black, magnificently embroidered. In contrast to this elaboration Mrs. Wu's usual costume is a simple reception gown of brocade and silk. Her home gowns are all made after the same general patterns and are as simple in texture and trimming. Silk cotton and grass cloth are the fabrics most used for summer, with the addition of brocade furs and skins in winter. Woollens are very little used, and there is also but little linen underwear. Over her bound feet, of which the Minister in spite of his progressive ideas seems reasonably proud, Mrs. Wu wears little socks and tiny embroidered shoes. Her garments are all made in her own home by the tailor whom Mr. Wu brought to America.



MME. WU, WIFE OF THE CHINESE MINISTER.
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COUNTESS OF WARWICK

The most recent photograph of "the most beautiful woman in England" shows that the Countess of Warwick, better known as Lady Brooke, has lost none of the charm that has made her famous. The photograph is taken in the costume in which the Countess appeared at the Duchess of Devonshire's ball.



MISS EVA CERVANTES, ONE OF NEW Y[illegible]'S MODEL[illegible]
(From a photograph by the Gilbert



THE COUNTESS OF WARWICK IN COURT COSTUME.
(From a photograph just received in this country.)

STRIKING NOVELTIES IN WINTER HATS FROM PARIS AND LONDON.



AN ENGLISH STYLE. THIS COMES FROM PARIS. WHOLLY RIBBON-TRIMMED. TRYING TO ROUND FACES. FOR TAILOR-MADE GIRLS.

CURIOUS FADS AND FASHIONS

Eccentric Headgear Sent Over to Us from London and Paris.

WATCHES AS SHIRT STUDS.

It is the consensus of insignificance that a woman who cannot attract attention in any other manner has always the power to do so by means of her headgear. Let her pin on the embodiment of some conscienceless milliner's nightmare, and be her stature small and her attractiveness nil, she can eclipse every Diana and Venus among them.

The five hats pictured on this page would prove some such boon to insignificance were they not already appropriated by the most distinguished and fashionable women in New York. Insignificance is free to copy, but these freaks of headgear originated in Upper Tendom.

It is the prevailing fad of the holiday season to veer toward the grotesque. Modistes and milliners are enjoying a brief period of unrestrained license. The morning costume is no longer severely tailor-made and accompanied by a small hat. The afternoon promenade reveals costumes picturesque in outline and flaming in color. And crowning them all are the astonishing types of hats which are pictured here. Dozens of feathers, yards of birds and untold width of brim go to make up these holiday confections, which are the most conspicuous feature of the season's fashions.

It long ago began to seem unnecessary to the feminine jewel-lover that her tiny watch should be of any practical service. Its face came to be barely distinguishable among the jewels which surrounded it, and it was carried in such unheard-of places that to consult it in regard to the time would have been practically impossible.

That the watch has not yet come to be seriously regarded by women as a timepiece is shown by the newest fashion for which New York women are responsible. This is wearing a tiny diamond watch as a shirt-stud. The effect is a trifle grotesque, but that may be what the up-to-date girl fancies. And the arrangement places a knowledge of the time quite beyond her reach, which seems to please her likewise.

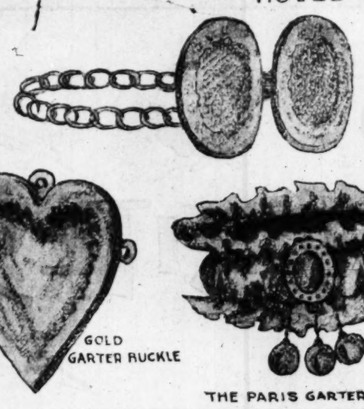
Another striking new fashion is the so-called "Marlborough" veil, which is made of fish-net and practically obscures the most charming face. Although the texture of the new veil may be admired from an artistic point of view, its weight and thickness will doubtless prevent it from obtaining lasting popularity.



THE NEW MARLBOROUGH VEIL.
(From a sketch by a Sunday World artist.)

NOVEL AND EFFECTIVE WINTER FASHIONS IN HOSE, SHOES AND GARTERS.





THE PARIS GARTER













SATIN DANCING SHOES



NEW SATIN HOUSE SHOES



LOTTIE COLLINS'S BEST SONG.

WITH a swish of skirts and a bewildering display of lingerie Lottie Collins danced into the focus of the Sunday World's camera. The occasion warranted some enthusiasm, for the famous danseuse was about to sing her new song, and everybody knows that Miss Collins sings with her feet quite as much as with her voice. And without any preface she began to employ both mediums with a vigor which ought once and for all to put all languid and indifferent singers to shame.

Waving a tiny jewelled whip Lottie warbled blithely the wonderful tale of the girl from the Ran Dan Dan.

"I was marching when the band began to play," sang Lottie, grasping her skirts, which were a wonderful mingling of black satin, white lace and innumerable yards of ribbon. Inspired by the music her feet flew faster. Into midair flew the right foot as the brisk young woman assured her audience that—

"That music was more than I could stand."

Shapely limbs and yards of frills now mixed in a maddening whirl as, taking her audience into her confidence, Miss Collins announced that she was—

"A slipperty, winkerty sort of a girl."

Joining in the gay abandon of the music, Lottie chanted the refrain—

"Oh, what am I to be,
In high society,
An up-to-day-e-ty Gayety girl,
Or am I not built that way-e-ty girl?
For I am the girl on the Ran Dan Dan."

Then one last pas seul, which fully initiated the audience into the mysteries of the numberless frilled garments, and Lottie was gone. Not, however, before the camera had several times been very effectually snapped in the direction of the frisky singer's quick-moving feet. And there are few dancers whom it would be more difficult to photograph, for there is perhaps no one who can combine a "song and dance" with Miss Collins's remarkable spirit and dash.

A minute or two of waiting, and there appeared a demure-looking young woman in tailor gown, furs and chic toque. With the big plumed hat, elaborately frilled skirts and low-cut bodice there had disappeared every vestige of the singer's professional friskiness. It was hard to realize that this was the dashing girl from the Ran Dan Dan. Off the stage Miss Collins is a typical English woman in speech and in manner, and reserves all enthusiasm for her dances.

Americans first knew Lottie Collins as the originator of the sadly overworked "Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay," which became a success because of her manner of singing it. Nowadays, however, the mention of "Ta-ra-ra" makes her weary. She has forgotten it and wishes others would. With a tired smile she will tell you that "Ta-ra-ra" has "died a natural death. I wish the public would let it rest. It has had its day and there will never be another song to compare with it."

As for her new song jealous rivals will probably assert that there is "nothing to it," as there certainly would not be if Lottie Collins did not sing it. It is as light and airy a combination of words and melody as ever won applause. But Miss Collins probably knew what she was about when she selected it, and delivered with her peculiar expression and intonation it is undeniably entertaining. And above all, it is admirably adapted for a kicking accompaniment, an opportunity of which Miss Collins takes the fullest advantage.

LOTTIE COLLINS IN HER GREAT SONG "THE GIRL FROM THE RAN DAN DAN."

(From Photographs taken by Sarony for the Sunday World.)



"I WAS MARCHING WHEN THE BAND BEGAN TO PLAY."



"THAT MUSIC WAS MORE THAN I COULD STAND."

NEW IDEAS IN FOOTGEAR.

The feet of the well-equipped maiden of the winter of 1898 are to receive even more than their usual share of attention. A pair of shoes not only for every costume but for every hour in the day represents the modest demand of the young woman, who now appears to be more interested in her feet than in her head. Hats have fallen into temporary neglect and the elaborate slipper is in the ascendant.

In the illustration are pictured the most seasonable novelties in dancing and house shoes, together with some appropriate designs in garters and buckles. Silk garters of exquisite shades, fastened by gold buckles enamelled in harmonizing shades, are the favorites. Heart-shaped buckles of any and every material are likewise greatly in demand. The initials of the wearer are always engraved in a conspicuous place on the buckle.

Satin house shoes are perhaps the prettiest novelty of the season. Combined with velvet or ooze leather, they are not only the daintiest but the most comfortable bits of footgear that can be found. One especially dainty pair is of tan ooze leather and pale mauve satin, prettily drawn together with violet ribbons. A high shoe of the same general character is a combination of white kid and black satin, which is considered particularly smart. Black and white shoes are now worn almost exclusively with black and white costumes, which still retain their popularity.

While in street walking boots high heels have been altogether discarded, they are as high as ever on the pretty boots which are designed for home wear. The thinnest of soles, the most arching of insteps and the highest of heels represents the society girl's ideal of perfection in footgear.

Among young women of simpler tastes the plain silk slipper of a shade exactly matching the gown is very much favored. This is especially pretty in the case of a bright red gown, though the tiny red slippers pointing out from a medley of silk and lace is a bit theatrical.

The girl who is presenting a pair of slippers to her best girl friend for a holiday gift is much taken with the idea of embroidering the insteps in gold or silver. A white satin slipper embroidered in gold and pearls is one of the most charming additions to an evening costume that could be devised. A still more extravagant bit of prettiness is a pair of black satin slippers studded with emeralds in a particularly effective design. The 1898 holiday slippers are much more artistic than those of any previous season.

For home wear, there is the heelless sandal. Not a new idea, but one with points that appeal strongly to the woman who enjoys day-time rest cures. Women who have once developed a fondness for this style of foot-covering soon prefer it to all other slippers, because of its extreme comfort. It is as easily taken on as off, it never cramps the foot, and it may be easily substituted in an emergency for something more elaborate. The favorite material for this sandal is tan ooze leather, though very dainty ones have been made up in blue and mauve to wear with negligees of these colors.

HANNAH GOULD, KLONDIK

When the City of Columbia sails from th this month, bound for the Klondike gold she will carry a colony of forty-five wome have for a leader Mrs. Hannah S. Gould, 250 West Twenty-second street. Mrs. Gould is Island Quakeress, a business woman of many experience and the possessor of energy and en enough for three ordinary women.

Years before the gold fields of Alaska were she went south and built two railroads, liv camp in Georgia for more than a year at One of the railroads is 138 miles and the other in length. One road is called the Middleton, and Atlantic Railway and connects Eaton Covington. The other road connects Covingt Macon. Mrs. Gould superintended the build trestle-work and also of a bridge, and she ran





THE HEART-SHAPED MIRROR OF FASHION.

(From a sketch by a Sunday World Artist.)

HOW TO WEAR A MIRROR.

Women who have a fondness for surveying their own charms at intervals of several minutes are now able to gratify this longing by means of one of the most charming ornaments that inventive jewellers have ever devised.

This is a heart-shaped affair of gold worn by a long, slender chain, which suspends the heart at a point just below the waist. No hint of its real use is given by the outside, which is ornamented according to the taste of the wearer, in jewels or colored enamel. The locket opens by the pressure of a secret spring and contains a mirror quite large and brilliant enough for any lady to use when she is in her carriage or on the street or in any circumstances which do not afford an opportunity to survey one's toilet. The gold-encased mirror is altogether the newest fad.

The popularity of the new ornament will be rather limited, from the fact of its extreme cost. Nothing less than a $20 bill will pay for the simplest design. If the purchaser goes in for such luxuries as a jewelled or enamelled setting the jeweller's bill will be larger in proportion. The heart mirror will be a popular Christmas offering among those who can pay for it.

While the new ornament is usually worn with evening dress, as shown in the illustration, it can also be suspended outside a street costume with startling effect.



"A SLIPPERTY, WINKERTY SORT OF GIRL IN THE RAN DAN DAN."

"I'M AN UP-TO-DAY-E-TY, GAY-E-TY GIR

hand-car, and when sickness in the camp redu number of hands she turned in and worked her

But she doesn't expect to handle the pick Klondike. Her aim is to take the right kind of women to that region and to confine her own ments to grub stakes. That is to say, whe is disabled financially or physically, she w he is helped to his feet, and then she wi proper proportion allowed by law of his ore as duces it. The forty-five women who accomp have been selected from 50[illegible] applicants. They earnest business women—not too old nor too nor yet frivolous. They are all possessors of health, with ability to endure hardships, ar woman has paid into the treasury $250. This p the passage and insures supplies for one year.

Mrs. Gould also takes along a portable hos circulating library, a cabinet organ, and wh settles there will be such evidences of civiliza have not yet come into the pioneer life in Some of the women in her party go prepared boarding-houses, and one goes prepared to laundry, in which business she has had many experience in this city. Then again a few most vigorous expect to go into the mines an the good luck supposed to come to all miner Gould is the house mother of the party. S woman past fifty years, but they have passed over her, and she possesses the vigor and ener hopefulness of a woman half her age. She co good old Revolutionary stock on both sides family. Her mother belonged to the Long Dodge family and her maiden name was Sea

Her experience, her courage and the [illegible] which she has inspired the members of her go far toward making her effort one of the cessful expeditions conducted by a wom not only be one of the most practical gold fields, but, by every indication, sh the most popular as well.

THREE NEW PHOTOGRAPHS of BEAUTIFUL STAGE FAVORITES



MAXINE ELLIOTT. Photograph by Thors



MARGARET FULLER. Photograph by Sarony





MARY MANNERING. Photograph by Thors